Repackaging Bob Dole: **Courage or Convictions?**

By Katharine Q. Seelye New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - What catches the eye in Bob Dole's otherwise generic presidential campaign headquarters here is a huge black-and-white photograph of the candidate as a fresh-faced GI, his visored dress hat set at a jaunty 1940s "can-do"

At first, the picture seems a throwback to an era that the campaign might prefer to ignore, a reminder that Senator Dole, whom Kansans have been sending to Washington since 1961, is old enough at 72 to be

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the father of some of his rivals, and that his campaign is the last presidential outing for the World War II generation.

But in the idealized world of campaign packaging, as the Dole team tries to find a new way to present a man all too familiar after three national campaigns, the Bob Dole in this half-century-old portrait is precisely the one the campaign wants to project -- energetic and indestructible, his character and determination already forged by the poverty of his youth and about to be burnished again through years of rehabilitation after nearly dying on a bat-

Mr. Dole's gripping life story will form the heart

of his campaign. The youthful soldier he once was will be portrayed, not as a relic, but as the foundation of the man who has led the Republicans in the Senate for almost 11 years, longer than anyone else. He will be depicted as a decisive, experienced man of action

who, as he often says, can get things done.

The image is meant to contrast sharply with that of the baby boomer in the White House, who was not born until 1946, a year after Mr. Dole had earned two Bronze Stars, and who skirted service in his own generation's war. The message will be, as Mr. Dole likes to part it '11's after the first force for a first like the part is '11's after the first force for a first like the part is '11's after force for a first like the part is '11's after force force the part is '11's after for

likes to put it, "It's time for adult leadership."

But before the campaign can play out these broad themes against President Bill Clinton, one hurdle remains: getting the nomination.

By almost any measure, Mr. Dole is far and away the leading Republican. In the year since the campaign began to take shape behind the scenes, none of his challengers have shown any serious traction against him. With more than \$24 million in the till, 20 of the nation's 31 Republican governors working their states for him and a deeper organization than he fielded in his two prior, and failed, efforts for the nomination, his candidacy carries an enviable aura of inevitability.

"We're in control of our own fate," said William B. Lacy, deputy campaign manager. "Short of some huge external force, which I can't even conceive of, coming into play, if we run the right kind of campaign in the next several weeks, we will be the

Still, the campaign is mindful that not a single vote has been cast, and that Mr. Dole did run into trouble before, losing in the early primaries in 1980 to Ronald Reagan and in 1988 to George Bush. Ap-

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Necmettin Erbakan, leader of the victorious pro-Islamic Welfare Party, in Ankara on Tuesday.

force certain financial institutions to in-

the "transparency" in a banking system

Rules are not explicit and directives on

major policies are not always disclosed to

the public.

Nonetheless, the measures announced

crease their contributions to the effort.

Turk Parties Hold Talks to Bar Islamists From Power

Ciller and Opposition Agree to Hammer Out A Coalition With Left

ANKARA — Pro-Western politicians closed ranks on Tuesday in a bid to prevent the Islamist Welfare Party from coming to power after it narrowly won general elec-tions during the weekend.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller and her

rival conservative leader, Mesut Yilmaz, agreed to work for a coalition supported by leftists to block the Welfare Party.

"I have said we would welcome a coalition with ANAP, and I repeat that," Mrs. Cilier said, referring to the Motherland

Party.

"Our aim is to go towards a wide-based congovernment," she told a joint news con-ference after meeting Mr. Yilmaz, the Motherland Party leader.

Shares on Istanbul's stock exchange surged by an average 5.33 percent on the news that Mrs. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz were

The anti-Western Islamists won just over 21 percent of Sunday's votes but do not have enough seats to govern alone. The Motherland Party and Mrs. Ciller's rightist True Path Party won almost 40 percent of the vote between them.

The Welfare Party's victory was the first at a general election by an Islamist party in Turkey's 72 years as a secular republic. The party has ridden a wave of discontent at Mrs. Ciller's tough economic austerity

Turkish business leaders and the press have long called for a conservative coalition to deal with such economic ills as 80 percent annual inflation and a stumbling privatization plan. Mr. Yilmaz said he Tuesday were also an attempt to improve hoped an alliance could be forged in the that many foreign bankers view as opaque.

coming days. Conservative unity has failed in the past because of the intense personal rivalry between Mrs. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz. An attempt to ally their two parties in September ended when Mr. Yilmaz stormed out of a meeting with the prime minister, ac-

one," Shinano Morita, an associate director at Standard & Poor's Corp., told Bloomberg cusing her of disrespect.

The veteran Welfare Party leader Necmettin Erbakan, a fiery public speaker, toned down his anti-establishment rhetoric on Tuesday

> "We can form a coalition government with any of the other parties," he said at a news conference. "Coalition means com-

Mr. Erbakan said he had a coalition offer that could not be refused.

'No normal person can reject our offer," he said. He did not elaborate. "Our nation is waiting for service," Mr. Erbakan

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U.S. Forces Are Asked to Extend Role To Sarajevo

By Rick Atkinson

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The U.S. Army has been asked to help protect Sarajevo from artillery and mortar fire, a significant extension of responsibility beyond the northeast sector of Bosnia that had been the focus of the U.S. peacekeeping mission here, according to military sources.

The request to the army from Lieutenant General Michael Walker, the British commander of North Atlantic Treaty Organization ground forces in Bosnia, has rouched off a debate over whether U.S. troops will be sucked into a broader role in the Bosnian capital and whether the new mission will take needed forces away from northeast

"If everybody complies with the peace agreement, then we'll have more than enough forces here," one U.S. commander said. "But you can't assume that."

The issue in Sarajevo involves counterfire radar systems, which are critical in pinpointing the source of incoming artillery rounds. During the Gulf War, such radars permitted the army to detect an Iraqi shell shortly after it left a gun muzzle, calculate the gun's location and retaliate massively even before the Iraqis could unleash a second round,

Sarajevo, the site of General Walker's headquarters, is currently protected by seven radars that should allow commanders to strike back quickly with their own artillery, attack helicopters or fighter planes, according to military sources.

But five of those sets, belonging to British and Dutch forces, will be shifted to northwest Bosnia to provide an electronic

Tokyo Plans to 'Fundamentally Change' Financial Policy

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

TOKYO — The Ministry of Finance announced sweeping changes Tuesday in the way it manages the country's banks, in hopes of ending a series of financial dissandal on Aug. 8, but never told American asters that have harmed the nation's image around the world.

The measures are designed to thrust months after Toshihide Iguchi, the trader Japan's banks into the real world of the who allegedly caused the losses, confessed market, forcing them to thrive or fail by to his superiors, market discipline, officials said. "It is necessi

and the measures appear aimed at riding that crest of goodwill.

It also follows widespread criticism of Japanese officials' failure to promptly disclose late this summer more than a billion dollars in trading losses by Daiwa Bank's bond trading unit in New York. Ministry of regulators. Daiwa did not tell U.S. authorities until late September, nearly two months after Toshihide Iguchi, the trader

"It is necessary for Japan to make a The announcement comes as the stock drastic shift in its financial policy." said market is rising to new beights for the year, Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura. "The package will fundamentally change Japan's financial policy."

regulatory shortcomings by a top govern-ment official, Mr. Takemura said Tuesday that Japan's financial authorities needed to shed their conventional style of operating. He said they should "reflect on the failure" of financial supervision during the

"bubble" years of the 1980s.

During that time, banks piled up mountains of bad loans, most of them in real estate, more than \$400 billion of which have gone sour since the collapse of the speculative bubble a few years ago.

We should regard this as a sea change in the Ministry of Finance's approach to said Paul Heaton, an analyst at Deutsch Bank Capital Markets.

"They're saying to themselves: We are funds in mopping up a portion of the bank-looking silly at the end of 1995, so we ing system's bad loans because it failed to better find out what really is going on at the

The Ministry of Finance has said before that it would increase supervision, and some of the new measures, which apply to all deposit-taking financial institutions, ap-peared to be embellishments of steps previously announced.

Paradoxically, the Finance Ministry has lost so much credibility because of its failure to prevent banking catastrophes that it may be difficult for it to entirely impose its will today.

In recent weeks, for example, the min-

[Some analysts said the moves did not go far enough. "It's a good first step but a little

istry has had to turn to the use of public

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Unscathed, Korean Leader Manages a Skeptical Public

By Kevin Sullivan

Washington Post Service SEOUL — His motives have been questioned and his truthfulness has been scoffed at, but President Kim Young Sam appears to be emerging from the most scandaious days in modern South Korean history with barely a hair out of place.

"Most Koreans don't believe what Kim Young Sam says, but apart from that, what he is doing for the country is very positive," said Kim Sung Hee, a 39-year-old trading company manager, scurrying through a busy Seoul subway station. Her qualified support for Mr. Kim re-

flects the feelings of many South Koreans. There is widespread skepticism about Mr. Kim's claims that he never benefited from the illegal \$650 million slush fund raised by his predecessor. Roh Tae Woo, who is now in jail facing corruption charges.

But there is a deep feeling here that Mr. Kim is performing a necessary national cleansing by pursuing the prosecution of Mr. Roh and of former President Chun Doo Hwan on corruption charges, as well as for their alleged roles in a December 1979

coup and May 1980 massacre of prodemocracy protesters in Kwangju.
"I have always felt that somebody must

do this sometime," said Park Kwon Sang, a columnist who was editor of the Dong-A libo, one of the country's leading newspapers, at the time of the Kwangju mas-

acre. "He is doing the right thing." The mix of feelings about Mr. Kim, as he finishes the third year of a five-year term, is ambivalent and often contradictory. Many people here say they dislike him, but they seem to be able to separate their feelings about the man from their opinions about his performance as president.

A poll of 1,000 South Koreans in the influential Chosun Ilbo last week showed that 58.5 percent of those interviewed thought Mr. Kim was doing a good job. That number is significantly better for Mr. Kim than it was a few months ago, before the scandals broke in October. In local elections in June, Mr. Kim's governing party was trounced in what many viewed as a slap at the president, particularly over his policy of more engagement toward North

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FREE — One of five South Korean fishermen released by the North being reunited Tuesday with his mother. Page 4.

Drift Elsewhere, Cities Tell Homeless

By Sue Anne Pressley

AUSTIN, Texas - Every night, the residents retire, hundreds of them disappearing into the alleys and abandoned buildings, into tents tucked deep in the woodlands or small encampments scattered along the creeks and rivers.

They are this city's homeless, and their numbers always swell this time of year, when snow begins to fall in the north, and

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Austin's 75-degree December afternoons debated how to address their needs while seem particularly inviting to the adventurous or the threadbare.

But here and in more than 40 cities across the nation, the homeless are receiving a grim message this winter as they face a determined push of new proposals and laws aimed at banishing them from the very places they seek out the most. Although proponents describe the measures as a forced response to an increasing and lives. ever bolder homeless population, critics see the movement as proof of something more ominous: the growing hard-heartedness of America.

'It is an increasing trend in cities around criminalize homelessness," said Maria Foscarinis, executive director of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty in Washington. 'I think, at best, it reflects frustration on

effort to blame the urban ills on homeless people," she said. This is hardly a new problem. On any given night, Ms. Foscarinis and other advocates for the homeless said, there are been proposed, designed to control the about 700,000 homeless people in the United States, and local officials have long

the part of local politicians and, at worst, an

property owners.

What is notable now is the forcefulness with which these communities are attacking the problem. The crackdown comes, homeless advocates assert, as budget cuts on every level also are shrinking the substance-abuse and job-training programs meant to help the homeless restore their

Even more striking is that many of the cities in the vanguard of the get-tough approach are among the country's most liberal. Here, the City Council is nearing final approval of a law to ban camping in the country to pass laws that essentially any public place — a shortsighted step, critics say, in a city generally viewed as the state's bastion of liberal sympathies.

In Boston, policemen recently began to crack down on the after-dark denizens of Boston Common. In Seattle, city officials have ordered a vigorous enforcement of its sidewalk and trespass laws, making it difficult, critics say, for the homeless even to sit down anymore in the downtown area. In New Orleans, an anti-camping law has just

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AGENDA

Moscow VIP Lounge Seizure Foiled

tyevo-2 airport, said the businessmen dismantled former Soviet monopolies

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MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian airport police intervened Tuesday to pre- created by a former airport boss, but it vent a group of businessmen from taking control of the VIP lounge at Moscow's main international airport, the Itar-Tass press agency said. Anatoli Koryakin, director of Shereme-

from a company named as VIP Services had shown up in the lounge with a bailiff and police. Some in the group were armed with Kalashnikov automatic rifles. "Thanks to the intervention of airport security officers, order was restored and

work on receiving official delegations continued," Mr. Koryakin said.

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Israelis Ask: Why Give Up the Golan? THE AMERICAS That Fixsy, Yellow Drink in Peru Hong Kong's Bad Case of Nerves EURÔPE

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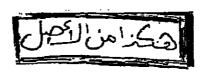
Russia, where free market reforms have

and rival businesses vie for control.

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In the Golan, Israelis Wonder: 'Why Give It Up?'

By Serge Schmemann

Golan HERMON, — There has not been much snow so far this year, certainly not enough to ski, but the slopes and the lifts of Mount Hermon were full over the Hanukkah break.

We try to get up here as often as possible now," explained a woman with a distinctly American accent, chatting with soldiers on reserve duty at a mountain checkpoint while her children pelted each other with snowballs. "You never know when it might be the last

She had no need to elaborate. Among the visitors, soldiers and residents of the Heights, the sudden and intensive initiative launched by Prime Minister Shimon Peres to make peace with Syria means only one thing: that after 28 years, the Golan Heights may no

longer be theirs.
"Of course, we all want peace," the woman continued, "but it's hard to imagine not having the Golan." The cluster of soldiers and

visitors nodded sympathetically. Beyond the checkpoint, two peaks bristled with huge military antennas, dishes and other high-tech listening gear focused on Syria, which stretched out in the haze below.

On a clear night, a pony-tailed reservist said, you can see the lights of Damascus only 40 miles (70 kilometers) away — as well as Lebanese smugglers winding their way down below the mountain.

Those antennas and the strategic view are the main reason Israel has been sitting firm atop the Golan Heights since it seized the region in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war. It is an article of faith among Israelis that the Heights are fundamental to Israel's security.

As long as the Syrians held the Heights, they constantly shelled the Israeli settlements below, and their tanks stood poised to slice into northern Israel.

But apart from security, to the families frolicking in the snow and to the million or so other Israelis who come to the Golan every year to hike or ski or just relax, it simply seems sad to contemplate giving up so nice a chunk of real estate.

With an area about the size of Rhode Island, this is Israel's little piece of Europe, with waterfalls, alpine gorges, apple orchards, placid dairy farms and, of course, the only ski slopes in the region. It is also the source of almost a third of Israel's water and, not unimportantly, some very pleasant wines.

It is also arguably one of the safest corners of the country, without a single rocket attack or terrorist bomb on record since 1974 and with virtually no crime.

Unlike the Jewish settlers in the West Bank, who rarely venture out of their fortified settlements without a pistol or an assault rifle, the 14,000 people who live up here do not even lock their doors at night.
"So why give it up?" asked a soldier. It was a rhetorical question, and nobody ventured an

OR Mr. Peres, the answer is simply that the Golan is the price of a final and comprehensive peace. Though Golan residents and opposition politicians have argued that Israel could make peace with Syria without ceding all of the Heights, or that Israel could cede sovereignty and then lease back the land, most Israelis accept that the choice is between keeping the Heights and concluding a final and comprehensive set-

tlement with the Arabs. Mr. Peres, for one, has made his choice. In his very first speech to parliament after the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, he challenged President Hafez Assad of Syria to seize "the historic opportunity to bring a comprehensive peace to the whole

The week before last, Mr. Assad agreed through U.S. mediators to open exploratory talks Wednesday outside Washington.

"When we heard the speech, all the alarms went off," confessed Eli Malka, the chairman of the Golan Residents Committee, which represents the 32 settlements on the Golan, at his office in Katzrin, a clean town of 5,000 in the center of the Heights that serves as its administrative center

A big sign on Mr. Malka's wall reads, "My Israel Includes the Golan," and next to it is a black-rimmed photograph of Mr. Rabin, whose Labor Party won a large majority of the Golan's votes in 1992 after he assured residents that "it is inconceivable that we withdraw from the Golan Heights, even in

Until Mr. Rabin's assassination, Mr. Malka said, the Golan residents were content that talks with Syria were stalled for a long time. Now, he said, the residents are gearing up

for a three-front struggle.

The first is in Parliament, where they are trying to find the single vote that would overturn Labor's slim majority.

The second is public relations, which will

start soon with an onslaught of movies, advertisements and public debates. Mr. Malka's office already displays an impressive array of posters and pamphlets, including one in various languages and colors showing

trolled Golan pointing to the Israeli port of Haifa, only 36 miles away. "The third track is within the Golan, to keep people from turning desperate," Mr. Malka said. "The population has been going through a crisis for the past three years, and

big red arrows from a Syrian-con-

we have to keep up the morale, to continue building and working." "Most people in the Golan voted for Labor, which is now proposing to destroy what they worked for their whole life," Mr. Malka added. 'Some people have been here 25, 30 years. They built a life here with the consensus of all governments. Now it's up and down; it's a very tense situation. We feel we're refugees in our own country. How can we explain to our children that this is peace if so much has to be

THE talk sounded familiar, echoing the bitterness of Jewish settlers in the West Bank over agreements granting Palestinians self-rule. But Golan residents resent any such comparison — they view them-selves in an entirely different light, and most Israelis would agree. Many of the Israelis who settled

the West Bank did so as an ideological or religious claim to what they regarded as the biblical heritage of the Jews and they never went beyond building bedroom communi-

Golan settlers were generally Israelis of the original Zionist mold who went to the Heights in response to a call for people to work the land, and they developed some of the best farms in Israel. Though some do make historic claims to the land, most have not displayed the ideological fervor of West Bank settlers.



Settlers frolicking on Mount Hermon and, below, Israeli soldiers taking a break from tank exercises in the Golan. The strategic heights are key to peace with Syria.



Since the 40,000 Syrian residents fled the Golan Heights in 1967, the Israelis there have not had to rule over hostile Arabs. The 16,000 Druze who live in villages on the slopes of Mount Hermon have never posed a social problem to the Israelis.

As a result, while the West Bank has always been under military administration, the Golan has been administered since 1981 as a normal part of Israel. But the Golan people are no

longer so sure whose side they are on.
"You must understand we've been living

for several years not knowing what next," said Drora Shenk in her office at the Merom Golan kibbutz, the first formed in the Golan after the 1967 war.

I have four children," she said. "My mother lives here. All my friends are here. We have invested so much work and money and vision to make a home that everybody

will really love." Israelis have known that at some point they will have to decide between the security and beauty of the Golan and the peace that they have so ardently sought. And peace would mean that the settlers would have to go, leaving behind the prosperous orchards and farms that they proudly built over 28

So would Mr. Malka

move?

"It depends how it was decided," he said. "If there's a referendum and people made the decision, we'll accept the, decision. If there's no referendum, no election, and just a hurried vote in the Knesset,

then we won't accept. In that case there will be a struggle." He added, "But in either case, I'd prefer to stay here."

COMING UP

Like Chile, Argentina and other Latin American countries, Honduras has discovered how difficult and dangerous it can be to come to grips with the statesponsored violence of its recent past.

Russians Ask U.S. For New Mir Deal

Space Partnership Shaken By Cost Squeeze in Moscow

By Kathy Sawyer

WASHINGTON - After a year of successes in orbit, the U.S.-Russian space partnership faces another test on the

Two years after Russia became a partner in the U.S.-led project to build an international space station in orbit, Russian space officials, like other partners before them, want to change the terms. Citing po-litical and economic difficulties at home, the Russians told at nome, the Russians told NASA that, as one U.S. expert translated it, "They've bitten off more than they can chew." That is the bad news. The

good news, as space officials see it, is the reason for the Russians' dilemma: The Russian space agency has determined that its existing space station, Mir, can be used for scientific research for several years longer than anticipated - and presumably would be available to Russia's new partners.

But the Russians say they cannot afford to maintain Mir while also helping a dozen other countries build a whole new facility.

The solution the Russians suggested is a nonstarter, according to U.S. officials. The Russians have proposed for weeks, in the trade press, that instead of shutting down their own 10-year-old space station, Mir, in early 1998 as planned, NASA should make it a hub of the new international facility during the first few years of its construction in orbit

U.S. space officials, under a mandate from Congress, have emphasized repeatedly since 1992 that they will not change the plan for the international space station — known as Alpha — especially not now that the project is enjoying the first sustained period of political and technical stability in its decade-

"That's the one nonnegotiable item," the NASA administrator, Daniel S. Goldin, said
in an interview. "You start taktheir science gets done on Mr." ing 14 countries, probably, 100, until it onlives its usefularism companies. and breaking the late 1990s or even as late as agreed on technical arrange 2002, he added ments "and that's how the In addition; he said the U.S. space station got into trouble in plan would ease Russia's "un-the first place." believable logistics problem" the first place.

hat will enable the Russians to facility. For example, 🕮 operate Mir as a national trea- configured arrangement might sure" without interfering with require only one launch per the building of Alpha.

station is budgeted at no more an \$2.1 billion a year. body's happy," Mr. Goldin "We're not ranting our said—if the Russians approve, than \$2.1 billion a year. swords," Mr. Goldin added. and if it works out.

"As long as they deal the cards off the top of the deck, and there's no hidden agenda, we'll work with them."

He said the results from Mir during the past year of joint orbital activities had been "stumming" in research data that will help astronauts build a new facility in space and in pure scientific research. He would like it to remain available to U.S. researchers.

The two sides confronted each other and the issue in each other and the issue in Houston. The Russian delega-tion, led by Boris Ostroumov, deputy director-general for pi-loted space flight, discussed the Russians' 60-page proposal with the Americans in mid-December meetings at Johnson Space Center there.

While agreeing to consider the Russian proposal, the U.S. team countered with a plan that would reduce Russia's cost and logistical burdens in the late 1990s, while Mir is still functioning and the new facility is being built, officials said. We owe it to them as good

partners, if we reject their proposals, to lay an option on the table that they might find acceptable," said Wilbur C Trafton, NASA's deputy associate administrator for the space station. He and the space station program manager, Randy Brinkley, were the senior U.S. officials at the meetings.

The U.S. proposal - still in a preliminary stage, without cost analysis — is for the Russians to delay delivery of all their contributions except for those elements that are critical to the completion of the new space station; Mr. Goldin said: "If they will just deliver

those on schedule, we can contime to build the space station, no problem, he said. And instead of building new laboratory modules for the new facility, he added, the Russians

could decide to shift two of the most modern lab segments from This saves them a barrel of cash." Mr. Goldin said. "And

Instead, he said, NASA "has of having to supply launch sertied to come up with a solution vices for both Mir and the new year of the Kussian Soyuzcrew The U.S. share of the space return vehicle, instead of four. "It's win, win, win Every

119 Die in South Africa Flash Flood; **Shantytown Toll Seen Rising Sharply**

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa — The bodies of 119 people swept away from their shantytown in a flash flood on Christmas Day had by late Tuesday been pulled from the swollen Umsindusi River here, the police said. A police spokesman said rel-

atives of missing people were helping police and army troops scour the muddled riverbanks, and the death toll was expected to climb far higher. Police divers were plumbing

the river for corpses, and a police helicopter was assisting in the search, he added. The mortuaries are full of the spokesman said. bodies."

'And we're still picking up of the victims had drowned, he added.

KwaZulu-Natal provincial authorities, meanwhile, declared Pietermaritzburg, the provincial capital, a disaster four bodies. But we are still area Tuesday.

Rescuers said more than 1,000 people were left homecrowded black township Christmas Day.

weather conditions were hamthe flood before nightfall.

water. Some were plucked from their rooftops by helicopters. He said the flood had caused

mally placid Umsindusi flows. Victims had taken refuge at police stations and community halls, he added.

had lost nine relatives. "So far we have recovered

less by the flash flood, which swept through Edendale, a kilometers from here, late on The rescuers said adverse away."

pering efforts to get blankets said she had lost her husband and food to those affected by Security forces evacuated

a lot of damage in the Edendale valley, through which the nor-

Enock Nhlangulela said he

missing five relatives, including my three-week old sister." "I was lucky," he added.

"because I went to visit friends when the heavy rains came. When I returned I found everyone and everything inside the house had been washed

Pendukile Masikane, 50, and a daughter.

'The water came inside and washed everything away inpeople whose homes were under cluding my husband and my child. I managed to make it to safety, but I have lost everything, even my house was swept away," she said. Russel Ndlovu, who has

lived in the area for 30 years, neighboring countries, including said the floods were the worst experienced in his lifetime. Many shacks were washed

away. Residents were being assisted to build makeshift Liberian homes. (AFP, Reuters) August.

Liberian Refugees **Head Home as Border Reopens**

The Associated Press GANTA, Liberia - About

20,000 Liberians living in refugee camps in southern Gumea have begun heading home after a yearlong closure of the border was lifted. The border between the two

West African countries was closed last year by the rebel leader Charles Taylor to prevent rival rebels from gaining ground toward his central Liberia stronghold. The border closure at Ganta,

a town that straddles the major crossing point from southern Guinea into north-central Liberia, was lifted on Christmas Eve. Thousands of refugees in

many of the 350,000 refugees in Ivory Coast, tried to get home to celebrate Christmas. A cease-fire in the six-year

Liberian civil war took effect in

Snow and Rain Sweep North Europe LONDON (Reuters) - Snow-laden Arctic winds swept across

northern Europe, leaving thousands without power in Scotland on Tuesday and one man dead and nine missing when a Russian trawler sank off Norway. Denmark had its first white Christmas in 14 years

In Britain, about 3,000 homes in the Shetland Islands, the Western Isles and the Scottish mainland were without power after some of the worst blizzards in memory over the weekend. In eastern France, heavy rain caused the Doubs and Loue rivers to burst their banks on Monday, flooding the town of Besançon and surrounding villages. The floodwaters began receding Tuesday.

Marseille Transit Strike Prolonged

MARSEILLE (AP) — Striking bus and subway drivers, rare holdouts in a nationwide strike that crippled France, voted Tuesday to continue their three-week walkout in Marseille. The strike has paralyzed all public transport in the southern port

city. The transit workers want the salaries of 300 colleagues hired since 1993 raised to levels more in line with those hired earlier.

A cold wave enveloped much of Japan with snow Tuesday, with delayed or canceled trains affecting more than 450,000 people. Vehicles were backed up on some highways for 60 kilometers (36 miles) as snowfall slowed down traffic, the Japan Traffic Information Center said. But no deaths were reported from

Commuters in the Chinese capital will pay up to five times

more to ride buses and subways beginning Jan. 1, the Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday. Fares on Beijing bases will be set at 0.50 yuan (6 cents). Subway fares will go up from the current. 0.50 yuan (6 cents) to 2 yuan (about 25 cents). The prices of monthly subway and bus passes will double.

months of this year, and the number is expected to rise in 1996 because of the easing of visa restrictions, officials said on Tues-

Dhaka commuters faced another day of upheaval Tuesday as taxi drivers extended their protest strike against the police seizure of fake driving licenses.

Correction

TRAVEL UPDATE

A front-page article in Tuesday's editions on peace talks between Israel and Syria misidentified the writer. It was written by John Lancaster of The Washington Post.

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Costa Rican's Arrest Lifts Veil on Growing Smuggling of Illegal Aliens

By William Branigin Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON — Authorities in Latin America, acting on information provided by the United States, have broken up a major smuggling operation that used a sophisticated network and extensive bribery to funnel thousands of Asians and Latin Americans to the United States through Central America, U.S. officials said.

The arrest this month of Gloria Canales. a 40-year-old Costa Rican woman originally from Peru, is regarded by administration officials as a victory in the fight against international crime and a sign that trafficking in illegal immigrants is causing increased concern among Latin American

dollar businesses spanning numerous

Among those smuggled by Ms. Canales's organization have been thousands of Chinese and Indians who first made their way to Latin America, American officials said.

They said Ms. Canales was believed to have smuggled at least 10,000 people a year, charging up to \$6,000 a head for the Indians and Chinese. Most of those smuggled came from Latin American countries,

The ring headed by Ms. Canales was part of a global maze of alien-trafficking net-

ernmental corruption and lack of laws against the practice.

An interagency working group on alien trafficking estimates that in addition to the Latin Americans who are smuggled through Central America, "some 100,000 least 10 people during the sometimes hazaliens from outside the region" pass ardons journey through Central America to through one or more Central American the U.S.-Mexican border. Among the viccountries annually on their way to the United States.

In the last year, the working group reported, "the immigration directors in Panama, Belize and Guatemala were fired for accepting bribes from alien smugglers."

Ms. Canales, who first came to the atgovernments.

The case also illustrates how the smuggling of people into the United States has

works that have sought to penetrate the United States by land, sea and air. According to U.S. intelligence reports, Cenwas arrested earlier this month in Ecuador tention of Immigration and Naturalization

of documents and homicide. She faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

According to American officials familiar with the case, Ms. Canales's organization has been blamed for the deaths of at tims were three Indians who reportedly drowned in the Gulf of Fonseca between Honduras and El Salvador last summer, officials said.

Honduras, which American investigators say was formerly used by Ms. Canales as a smuggling way station, also has been

determined to crack down. Honduras is the only Central American helped persuade Ecuador to arrest Ms. Canales and deport her to Honduras.

"This whole effort is a direct outgrowth of President Clinton's war on transnational criminals," said Peter Romero, U.S. ambassador to Ecuador. He said the administration was orging other countries in the well as contacts in India and China, inregion to adopt similar laws against the smuggling of humans.

The arrest of Ms. Canales exposed a web wracked by bribery and corruption scan-dals related to the smuggling. Two senior weekend on a mansion she owns in Costa them up in hotels bef immigration officials and a former foreign Rica, the sources said, Costa Rican au-north, the sources said.

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immigration officers.
"I'm sure there will be some heads country in which smuggling of humans is a rolling," an American official said. He crime. For that reason, American officials said the records included the names of contacts in the United States, although it · was not yet known whether any American

officials were on Ms. Canales's payroll. Ms. Canales's people-smuggling net-work included "coyotes," airline officials and hotel owners from Peru to Mexico, as vestigators said.

The Indians and Chinese often would fly in to the Ecuadoran capital, Quito, or the of corruption stretching across the entire industrial center and port city of region, U.S. officials said. In a raid last Guayaquil, where Ms. Canales would put weekend on a mansion she owns in Costa them up in hotels before sending them

For Peruvians, Fizzy Yellow Drink Is the Real Thing

By Calvin Sims
New York Times Service

LIMA - On a recent AeroPeru flight from Buenos Aires to Lima, a Peruvian passenger became snippy when a flight attendant told him that the airline had run out of Inca Kola but that there was plenty of Coca-Cola and

"Drink something other than Inca Kola — that's sacrilege you are suggesting," Jaime Ramirez said jokingly.
"That's like an Argentine eating beef from Bolivia, or a Brazilian wearing Bermuda shorts to the beach.'

But with his thirst getting the best of him, Mr. Ramirez settled for "the next best thing" - a Sprite. "You got any yellow food coloring to go with that?"

Russia has its vodka, Germany has its beer, France has its wine, but Peru, well, it has Inca Kola — a fruity, greenish-yellow carbonated drink that many Peruvians savor almost as much as the British enjoy their afternoon tea.

Across this Andean country of 22 million people, from wealthy suburbs to shantytowns, fine French bistros to of all backgrounds imbibe this sweet yellow soda almost as if it were their

In 1994, Peruvians drank 115 mil- rants, which are known as chifas. lion liters of Inca Kola, and they are expected to consume 125 million liters (33 million gallons) by the end of 1995, making Inca Kola as popular in Peru as Coca-Cola.

perhaps even a national treasure.

Many Peruvians believe that Inca Kola's blend of indigenous fruits



Does Chinese food in Lima go better with Inca Kola? The drink has been likened to "liquid bubble gum."

back to the ancient Inca cultures and Chinese, Italian, Japanese and Euro-

Inca Kola is most often consumed with ceviche (raw fish cut into slices and marinated), aji de gallina (shredded cheap Chinese restaurants, Peruvians chicken with a sauce of milk, cheese, nuts and chili) and Chinese-Peruvian food. In fact, Inca Kola is the only soft drink served in many Chinese restau-

Luciano Tocto, head chef at Diez Sesenta, an Italian restaurant, says Inca Kola is his favorite drink because its In Peru, the soft drink has become a "It's also very refreshing to drink say about the secret formula," said no aftertaste, "Mr. Tocto said.

Other Peruvians say they drink Inca Kola, which is produced by J. R. Lindmakes it the perfect complement to the ley e Hijos, S.A., a local bottling comcountry's rich cuisine, which dates pany, because of what it signifies.

"I drink it because it makes me feel has influences of Spanish, African, Peruvian," said Rafael García, who was polishing off his third Inca Kola with his daughter, Gabby, at Pardo's Chicken restaurant, "I tell Gabby: "This is our drink, not something invented overseas. It is named for your ancestors, the great Inca warriors.7

> Laura Puertas, a local journalist and radio talk-show host, may have described the beverage best when she called it "liquid bubble gum." Inca Kola was introduced in 1935 by J. R. Lindley, and the formula has ba-

And what does Inca Kola taste like?

ny's president.

Although Inca Kola began as a drink of the lower classes, it is now conwith foreign bottlers, Inca Kola is now other Latin American countries.

sold in Ecuador, Bolivia, Los Angeles, New Jersey and New York, which all have sizable Peruvian populations.

With the current revival of Peru's economy, Inca Kola's sales and profits are rebounding after a downturn in the early 1990s when the country was mired in hyperinflation and terrorism.

Between January 1993 and August 1994 the company lost \$7 million, but it posted a small profit last year on sales of \$82 million. Mr. Lindley predicts that the company will earn \$11 million this year, fueled by Inca Kola.

Mr. Lindley added that although Inlight carbonation and subtle fruity fla-vor enhance the taste of any cuisine. sically remained the same. "It's a bou-ca Kola and Coca-Cola had long been quet of fruits, and that's all I'm going to neck and neck in the fierce competition for carbonated-beverage drinkers in Coca-Cola, a claim that Coca-Cola disputes. But Coca-Cola acknowledges that it has a much lower share of the sumed by all. And through agreements soft-drink market in Peru than it does in

two regional conflicts.

troops in the remaining eight combat divisions are not even

With a surplus of combat

power in the Guard and a short-

tive-duty army, a senior army

panel is expected to recom-

port forces.

Pollsters Join Budget Fray Republicans Fare Poorly in Surveys

By Thomas B. Edsall Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The conservative strategist Grover G. Norquist argues that any Republican member of Congress whose commitment to the budget battle with President Bill Clinton has begun to weaken should look at poll data showing that defection could result in a severe penalty on Election Day.

Conversely, the Democratic pollster Stanley Greenberg argues that voters, especially seniors, now firmly oppose the Re-publican budget and Medicare strategies, and that politicians who stand by those policies will

pay a price in November. Both men can build a statistical case for their positions. The bitter division between House Republicans and the Democratic White House over the budget, which has brought part of the U.S. government to a halt, is in part driven and supported by contradictory poll data giving political sustenance

and logic to both sides. The clearest finding, however, is that Republicans have not succeeded in winning majority support for their budget plan, or, more especially, their approach to Medicare.

"The Democrats are winning the message battle," said a Republican pollster, Fred Steeper. The predominant view, he said, is that the Republican budget plan hurts children and the elderly — and no one wants to hurt children and the elderly.

through," he said. But the data also suggest that there may be a basis in public opinion for the long-range conservative Republican strategy,

"The Democrats have done a

and that Republicans who compromise may face the possibility of reprisals on Election Day. When asked to evaluate the Republican budget and Medicare proposals, majorities voice opposition. A CBS/New York l'imes Poll, conducted from Dec. 9 to 11, found that 54

percent disapproved and 33 percent approved of Republican plans for Medicare. Mr. Steeper said his firm surveyed voters in a major Midwestern state that he declined to identify. When they were asked their opinion of the Republican

budget plan, 53 percent were negative and 29 percent were age of support skills in the ac- positive. More relevant to the current debate is the sharp difference in the views of Republicans,

mend in March that some combat units be converted to sup-Democrats and independents. The opposition to the Republican Medicare plans is concentrated among Democrats, who 'We're looking to see how we might make them even more are opposed 80 percent to 10 relevant than they are today,'

percent, and among indepensaid Deborah R. Lee, assistant secretary of defense for reserve dents, who are adverse to the plans 52 percent to 31 percent. This would follow the rec-

Republicans, however, are overwhelmingly supportive of their party's plan on Medicare, backing it 63 percent to 26 percent. These are the voters who Norquist in making his case that provided the core of the support House Republicans should confor the Republican takeover of the House and Senate in 1994. with Mr. Clinton. Similarly, Mr. Steeper found Mr. Norquist argues that if

that on the broad issue of the Republicans hold firm and win Republican budget plan, Republican voters who intend to participate in the Republican hostile view will fade.

primary were strongly supportive: 66 percent to 22 percent. The intensity of the ideological commitment among these have framed the Medicare dehighly conservative voters is bate to be successful," he said.

tinue to refuse to compromise

approval of their budget and Medicare plans, the public's Mr. Greenberg flatly disput-

ed Mr. Norquist. "I don't think there is any way they could

POLITICALNOTES

U.S. Workers Protest Shutdown

WOODLAWN, Maryland -- About 100 furloughed federal employees protesting the partial government shutdown gathered briefly inside Social Security Administration head-

quarters on Tuesday before being asked to leave. Union leaders had said employees would go to their desks and stage a "work-in." But employees instead filed past security guards into the building's auditorium, where they stayed for about 15 minutes before being asked to leave. union leaders said.

Workers will hold another demonstration later in the week, said John Gage, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1923 in Baltimore.

Thousands of federal workers deemed as "nonemergenhave been indefinitely out of work since Dec. 16 because Congress and President Bill Clinton failed to agree on a

Budget talks between staff members for the administration and Republican leaders in Congress were to resume Wednes-

A Short Circuit on Electric Cars?

SAN FRANCISCO - California is backing away from a the state be electrically powered. The move raises questions about similar mandates in New York and Massachusetts, both

of which had pledged to follow California's lead. The California Air Resources Board asked its staff last week to prepare a rule that would suspend the requirement that automakers market tens of thousands of electric vehicles in the state by the turn of the century

The board proposed to drop the 2 percent requirement in the early years and instead to gradually increase production up to 10 percent "zero emission vehicles" by 2003, when all car companies that sell more than 3,000 vehicles a year statewide must comply with the regulation.

Air quality advocates and members of the emerging electric car industry criticized the move, which they called a capitulation to the automobile and oil industries.

Clinton Applauds Haiti Leaders

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton congratulated two Haitian leaders Tuesday for "a very impressive, free and fair election" that produced a successor for President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The president, in a telephone call, told Mr. Aristide how impressed he was that the election was "relatively free of violence," a White House spokesman said. Mr. Clinton called President-elect René Préval separately

to congratulate him "on a very impressive free and fair election." The calls were made from the Oval Office. Mr. Préval was elected earlier this month in the first presidential balloting since Mr. Clinton sent U.S. troops to Haiti in September 1994 to force out a military regime and

Quote/Unquote

restore Mr. Aristide to power.

John Gage, a government workers union leader, on the partial closure of the government: "We want to work, and there's a lot of work to be done.'

National Guard Battles Pentagon Budget Raid

By Eric Schmitt

New York Times Service INDIANTOWN GAP, Pennsylvania -- On any given weekend, 5,000 citizensoldiers from the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th Infantry Division assemble at this sprawling base to fly Cobra attack helicopters, blast M-1 tanks and train for a war that many army officials say they will never fight.

Because of that, the Defense Department wants to eliminate roughly half of 110,000 Army National Guard combat troops, including the 28th Division, and save hundreds of millions of dollars in such training and

The remaining National Guardsmen would be trained to drive trucks or manage sup-nlies, support skills that are acking in the active-duty army.

But this plan faces fierce opposition from the powerful National Guard lobby in Washington and from more than two active-duty forces have abdozen state governors. For sorbed. Since the Bush adminthem, the National Guard is a stration, the Pentagon has tried cherished institution — the di- unsuccessfully to make deeper rect descendant of colonial cuts in the National Guard. militia protected by the Con- From 1989 to 1998, the active- Guard divisions are located in stitution — one that the governors rely on in all sorts of emergencies, ranging from hur-ricanes to riots, and one that be reduced by only 20 percent, affect the 1996 elections." they want to keep.

During the Cold War, the army kept a huge combat reyear to pay, train and equip National Guard combat troops

no war big enough or long

National Guard that's just ir-relevant to our strategy," said a

senior Defense Department of-

ficial. "It's kind of like a wel-

fare program for weekend war-

riors so guys can earn a little

Congress has long shielded the National Guard and the Re-

serves from the deep cuts that

duty army is to shrink by 36

percent, to 495,000 troops, but

to 367,000 troops.

There is a lot of the Army

enough to need them.

extra pay.

General Colin L. Powell, the are divided into two groups: the troops quickly in the second of retired chairman of the Joint 230,000-member serve in the National Guard as a hedge against conflict with the Soviet Union. Now the Pentagon is questioning why it is spending more than \$1 billion a some reductions, but could still spending more than \$1 billion a spen hurting national security."

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G.V. Montgomery, a Missis-

sippi Democrat who is one of

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the Defense Department in wartime or for other military One reason for Congress to operations. Reserve forces cost included in the two-war plan. who are part of the 386,000- be so protective of the National about 25 percent to 80 percent

There is a lot of the Army National Guard that's just irrelevent to our program. It's kind of a welfare program for weekend warriors.' member Army National Guard, Guard is that the lawmakers' of what the military spends to

> "I feel very strongly that we combat guardsmen comes as should leave these divisions the Pentagon is relying on resaid Representative servists to ease the strains on

Indeed, Edward J. Philbin, executive director of the National Guard Association of the United States, issued a thinly veiled threat to Defense Secretary William J. Perry last August: "Since significant elements of the eight National 25 states, which control 363 electoral votes, the precipitous

part of this planning, the Pen-The nation's army reservists so that they can reinforce U.S. Guard's troop levels.

when military planners foresee constituents reap many benefits maintain comparable activeduty troops The fight over the 110,000

active-duty forces. Small groups of guardsmen have ommendations made in May by joined the multinational peace- an independent commission keeping force now in Sinai. The Defense Department is sending 3,800 guardsmen and reservists to help in the Bosnia

peacekeeping operation, but they are support specialists, like military police and civil affairs experts, not combat troops. wars nearly simultaneously. As as amateurs.

dancies in the military. National Guard officials, however, do not trust the Pen-

studying ways to reduce redun-

tagon. Relations between the active-duty army and Guard have been strained for years. Many guardsmen complain that The United States has based army generals treat them as secits post-Cold War defense plans ond-class soldiers, and many on the commitment to fight two army officers view guardsmen

Any restructuring, some tagon has increased the training Guard officials say, may just be of 15 National Guard brigades a cover for the army to cut the

Away From Politics

· An increase in seismic activity and the heaviest rainfall in the Northwest since the big 1980 eruptions at Mount St. Helens in Washington state have generated concern among scientists that there could be a renewal of volcanic activity there for the first time since a

series of steam explosions in 1991. (LAT) A 13-year-old boy trying to get toys for Christmas fired rifle shots at a truck on Interstate 10 in Fort Hancock, Texas, critically

overturn and spill a cargo of toys. The boy whose identity was withheld because of his age, was charged with juvenile deadly conduct, punishable by up to life in prison.(AP)

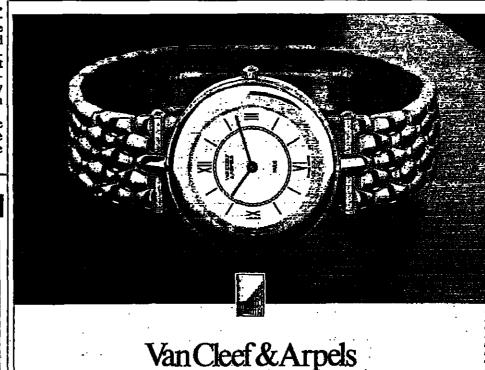
• A federal court said that Atlanta's proposed dress code for taxi drivers, which was to have gone into effect on Jan. 1 and helped spruce up the city for the 1996 Summer Olympics, was too loosely written for the court to conclude that it had any "rational basis" in furthering the city's goal of a safe and efficient taxi industry.(NYT)

wounding a motorist in another vehicle. The police said the youth was apparently trying to drank up her supply of methadone has been drank up her supply of methadone has been shoot out the truck's tires, hoping it would arraigned in the Bronx, New York. (NYT)

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SEOUL - North Korea freed five South Korean fishermen Tuesday after holding them for seven months.

The release of the men, captured after their boat strayed into North Korean waters on May 30, could set the stage for the impoverished North to seek more rice aid from the South.

Dressed in suits and carrying identical dark gray suitcases, the men looked healthy as they crossed the demarcation line that separates the two Koreas. They shook hands with North Korean military officials and waved farewell.

"Thank you!" one shouted. "We cannot forget your hospitality."
The cremated remains of

three other crew members were handed over to South Korean Red Cross representatives, who wore white masks.

After quick medical checks, the survivors were reunited with weeping relatives at a South Korean government building outside the border village of Panmunjom.

Other families wailed at a makeshift altar, clutching the cloth-wrapped urns containing the ashes. Traditional offerings to the dead had been laid out.

One crewman was shot and killed and another died when flames engulfed the fishing ship after a North Korean gunship fired on it for straying into North Korean territory, one of the freed men said. A third man died of illness, he said.

The former captive said the crew members were forced to denounce South Korea on the radio, but added: "It's true that we intruded deep and attempted to flee and were fired upon.

South Korea welcomed the release, although a Unification Ministry spokesman said it was unrelated to resuming rice shipments. The South Korean news agency Yonhap quoted an unidentified government official as saying that South Korea and two-day meeting in Hawaii start-

ing Jan. 24.
"One of the major issues in the three-way deputy minister level talks will be whether to resume rice shipments to relieve the North's severe food shortage," the source said.

Korean officials

sticking point when a third round of rice talks broke down in July.

South Korea ignored a call by the United Nations to maintain the aid flow and asked Japan and its allies to follow suit. Tokyo has sent 300,000 tons of a promised consigment

of 500,000 tons of rice. Aid agencies say North Korea needs almost 4 million tons of rice to prevent mass star-



YEAR OF THE MOUSE — A clerk in Taipei displaying gold objects Tuesday in the shape of the symbolic animal of the Chinese New Year.

Hong Kong Comes Down With Bad Case of Nerves

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

HONG KONG - A new mood of pessimism has settled over this British colony because of hard-line statements from Chinese officials and their allies send Hong Kong a message: Change is coming soon, and life will be different under Communist rule.

The 14-year prison sentence given by Beijing this month to Wei Jingsheng, China's leading democracy advocate, cast a pall of gloom over the colony. The verdict followed a senior Chinese official's statement questioning the rate of Hong Kong's social welfare spending, a proposal to dilute the colony's bill of Japan would hold talks on rice rights, even a suggestion that a shadow aid with the United States at a government be set up before the 1997 turnover of Hong Kong to Chinese con-

> Hong Kong and British officials involved in the transition acknowledge greater worries than ever about China's oft-stated guarantees to respect Hong

democracy demonstrators in the vicinity some believe are orchestrated to of Beijing's Tiananmen Square, and the mood eventually changed. But this time. with the transition only 18 months away. he said, "It's getting a bit close. We don't have much time to recover."

Even the head of Hong Kong's pro-Beijing political party concedes he may be growing less hopeful about the fu-

"I see perhaps more problems, and the problems being more serious for this pected before," said Tsang Yok-sing, as "sovereignty issues" for China. who leads the Democratic Alliance for "It's going to be a tough

Kong's basic freedoms and autonomy. about 70 percent, and officials and idation tactics against Taiwan helped crase much of the confusion. "The mood is quite gloomy here at diplomats say they expect the number of reduce the parliamentary majority of na's long-term intentions.

He recalled that Hong Kong went through a similar period of pessimism after China's 1989 crackdown on Kong may be related to China's succession struggle, with the paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, ailing. A Western diplomat said the mood

during this political transition has led to Chinese muscle-flexing against Taiwan, the stiff sentence handed to Mr. Wei and even Beijing's haste to see its 6-year-old candidate named as Tibet's new Panchen Lama, the region's secondranking religious figure. One troubling sign, the diplomat said, was that Chinese Communist officials are starting to refer final 18 months than perhaps I had ex- to Taiwan, Tibet and Hong Kong jointly

"They're worried about Hong Kong the Betterment of Hong Kong and is one of China's handpicked advisers in the make sure they can control the political make sure they can control the political situation here," he said.

ear."

A Hong Kong official said he beApplications for immigrant visas to lieved Chinese officials might have con-Canada are said to have increased by cluded — wrongly — that their intim-

the moment," said a Hong Kong official. "I think things look pretty bad
now."

Some Hong Kong politicians and othSome Hong Kong politi more ominous for Hong Kong, some Beijing leaders may now believe that taking a hard line is justified, and Hong

Kong may suffer the consequences.
"The Taiwan thing is worrying here," he said. "They have concluded that their approach for the last few months has been correct.'

For Hong Kong, that approach appears to have alternated between reassuring words and signs of heightened interference. Hong Kong's growing mood of pessimism comes as the colony enters what many here say will be a crucial phase of the transition early next year. A 400-member selection committee will recommend the first chief executive to administer the territory after 1997, as well as a new provisional legislature to replace the democratically elected body that China has vowed to

China has promised the chief executive will be named by the fall of next year, and many expect the choice to about 70 percent, and officials and idation tactics against Taiwan helped erase much of the confusion about Chi-

BRIEFLYAS

Thailand to Extradite an Ex-MP

BANGKOK - A former member of Parliament lost his bid to avoid extradition to the United States to face drugtrafficking charges when the Thai appeals court upheld a

criminal court order Tuesday.

A court official and the lawyer for Thanong Siripreechapong, who has denied the charges, said the appeals court rejected the former legislator's appeal against the

pears court rejected the following in July.

criminal court's ruling in July.

Mr. Thanong, who is in detention, was secretly indicted in a northern California court in 1991 on charges of samaging almost 49 tons of marijuana into the United States from 1973 to 1987. He resigned as a Chart Thai member of Parliament when the indictment was disclosed in 1994 after leaks to the When the mancantant was states has cited three other That politicians for alleged links to drug trafficking. (AFP)

Cultist Admits Role in Gas Attack

TOKYO - The top doctor in the cult accused of unleashing nerve gas on Tokyo subways admitted involvement in the group's crimes Tuesday, telling a court there was "no

I am perplexed about how to apologize to the many people to whom I have caused damage and trouble," said the doctor, Ikuo Hayashi, according to the Kyodo news agency. 'I will tell the truth in court."

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The hearing, Dr. Hayashi's first, dealt with three charges accusing him of sheltering a fugitive member of the Aum Shinrikyo cult and illegally contining two people. He has pleaded guilty. He has also been indicted for murder in the subway gas attack that killed 12 people and injured

Jakarta Official Cleared of Graft

JAKARTA - President Suharto has cleared a senior cabinet minister of corruption allegations, an official said

The presidential spokesman, Murdiono, said there was no clear evidence showing that Communications Minister Haryanto Dhanutirto misused up to \$4 million in state funds

'The allegations against him were not based on facts and the case was only administrative errors," said Mr. Murdiono. the minister at the State Secretariat.

Suspect Named in Pakistan Blast

ISLAMABAD — A Persian-speaking Afghan has been identified as a prime suspect in a car bomb blast last Thursday in Peshawar that left at least 45 dead and more than 100 wounded, state-run television said Tuesday.
The police suspect that Abdul Mateen plotted and carried out

the bombing with the help of accomplices, the broadcast said.

The report did not say whether there had been any arrests. On Sunday, Pakistan declared Afghanistan's consul-gen eral to Peshawar, Musa Khan, persona non grata and gave him

48 hours to leave the country, apparently in worsening of ties between the two neighbors.

VOICES From Asia *

Judge Hiroshi Noda, as a Tokyo Court awarded 106 million yen to compensate 71 residents outside a U.S. air base

"It is not fair to force a limited number of people, such as residents around the air base, to sacrifice themselves for a national cause of importance."(AP)

Chun Jae Yong, a son of former President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea: "My father has been taking nothing but bottled water since late Monday, rejecting barley tea containing sugar and salt. He cannot sit up alone and talks

ately on the report. Seoul shipped 150,000 tons of rice earlier this year, but the fate of the fishermen was a key 2 Marines Testify Sailor Forced Them Into Rape Attack on Okinawa Girl

Marines charged with abducting and raping a 12-year-old schoolgiri accused a navy sailor Tuesday of bullying them into taking part in the against the U.S. military pressure About half of the 46,000 Ameraba of the said, lape the girl's hands up!'' he testified, his voice rising sharply.

Private Harp acknowledged strikation was allowed to escape the girl as she struggled to escape. Marines charged with abducting and 20, also a Marine, say they helped to once in the past.

acted out of fear of the third suspect. Navy Seaman Marcus Gill, 22, has admitted to the Sept. 4 rape of the girl,

vation after floods ruined the who was snatched off the street as she summer crop. (AP, Reuters) shopped for school supplies.

Private Harp and Private Ledet told the court Tuesday that they had been afraid Seaman Gill would hurt her.' them if they did not go along with his

"I did hit her," he said in a low

He also acknowledged getting into

The Associated Press

Private Rodrico Harp, 21, of the plan Private Ledet said Seaman Gill the back seat of the car after Seaman and her family feel," he said, but fuller account of their involvement NAHA, Okinawa — Two U.S. Marines, and Private Kendrick Ledet, already had threatened to kill him Gill had raped her, but said he could added, "the Bible also tells about "The other two left out the part not rane her.

"Not when I saw the way the girl was lying there." he said. Private Ledet, testifying afterward,

"I wish I were never there," he telling him: "Please stop now." said in a trembling voice. "I'm very In later testimony Tuesday, Seasorry and would like to apologize to man Gill said the other two men had voice. "It was mean of me to hit the little girl, her family and the peo- painted an unfair picture of him, and

ple of Japan." "I can understand how the victim for Wednesday, he would give a hands."

forgiveness."
Chief Judge Shinei Nagamine displayed some impatience with long rape causing injury, which carries a explanatory replies by Private Harp said he was sorry for his part in the and Private Ledet. At one point, he cut off Private Ledet's comments,

that in detailed testimony scheduled

"The other two left out the part that made them look bad," he said. All three men are charged with

penalty of three years to life in prison. The three-judge panel is expected to issue the verdict and sentence in late January.

The mothers of Private Harp and Private Ledet were in court Tuesday. As Private Harp testified, his mother. Daisey Harp, held her head in her

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BANKS: Japan's Finance Ministry Calls for 'Drastic Shift' in Policy

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Business News. "The trend is positive, but I don't think it is sufficient."] don't think it is sufficient."]

Ministry guidelines will also cover lending limits. A major problem at a number of most common complaints by foreign in-

The measures, which are expected to go into effect in April, do not directly improve the poor disclosure by banks. Still, the ministry said it hoped that the quality of disclosure would improve because of the measures

ministry will set guidelines for capital adequacy, risk management and controls. It will also the banks and devise inspections according to the ratings.

on penalties or fines to institutions that violate its guidelines, it said it was still studying other punitive measures, such as

banks support each other so that it is virtually el. impossible for an institution to fail. The new measures aim at departing from that concept and at forcing banks to stand on their own. Banks will be required to bolster their

own inspection and control systems, and nication channels with regulatory subtr draw up more complete policies for risk ities in other countries, and wrongdoing management and control.

the failed institutions was that they lent report wrongdoings according to deadline huge sums to a single company or a single "The most important point is that the Ministry of Finance's policy is changing

from guardian of the industry to judge or umpire of the industry," said Yoshinobu To that end, it will set up an 'early-warning' system aimed at detecting irregularities at the banks. For example, the ministry will set unidelines for carried at Although the Ministry said it would slap

Japanese banks for decades have operated ordering a bank to stop paying dividends if on a "convoy" system, in which all the its capital ratios slide below a certain lev-

must be reported "promptly" by the tr nancial institution to the host country si pervisors. At home, Japanese banks miss set by the Ministry, and significant wing doing should be publicly disclosed in a 'timely' manner. The ministry will send inspection teams to Japanese branch offices in New York and London at the same time it conducts

inspections at head offices in Japan. By increasing the number of ministry inspectors to 486 from 420, the ministry hopes in have these inspection teams directly verily transaction slips and other accounts. Overseas branches of Japanese banks will also be encouraged to undergo audies. Separately, the Bank of Japan said it

would complete its own inspection of the New York branches of haif of Japan's 21 major commercial banks. After inspecting three branches, it said it had detected some 'defects' in risk management, according The ministry will improve its commu- to a report by Kyodo News Service-

KOREA: President Seems to Be Emerging Unscathed From Scandals

Several measures are focused directly at

preventing the kind of fraud that occurred at

the New York branch of Daiwa Bank.

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Korea. While it is difficult to draw a direct cause-and-effect relationship between the scan-dals and Mr. Kim's increasing tions confronting the president. popularity, one Western diplomat said that the president's handling of them had played well with a majority of South Koreans.

"He has demonstrated strength of leadership, determination, and he has not shrunk from politically difficult steps," the diplomat said. "This has been Korea's biggest test, and its president is hancratic Liberal Party to put forth a political opportunism in the

which he's held, and it has chose Kim Young Sam. probably increased his popularity.

close association with Mr. Roh,

who was a founding member of the governing party and whose support was a key factor in Mr. Kim becoming president.

In early 1990, Mr. Roh. Mr. Kim and a longtime opposition leader, Kim Jong Pil, merged their three parties into the Darse. their three parties into the Demo-

It has increased the respect with Roh in the 1992 elections. They Chun. They say that the presulting half had been say that the presulting the presulting that the presulting the presulting the presulting that the presulting th

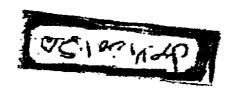
in the absence of proof it is politics. naive to think that Mr. Kim did Mr. Kim and his party cer- not benefit in some way from tainly have been tainted by their Mr. Roh's slush fund largesse. Mr. Kim has repeatedly said

Jung, a longtime opposition leader, accuse President Kim of dling it with skill and courage. strong candidate to succeed Mr. pursuit of Mr. Roh and Mr. ing the prime minister.

Given that close political re-tionship, many here save even lationship, many here say, even involvement in sleazy more

The next tangible measure of how the scandals have affect Mr. Kim will come in National Assembly elections scheme for April.

Mr. Kim already has engaged in some vigorous days age control. He changed the name of his party from the Democratic Liberal Party from Symbolic All Party fr symbolic New Korea Party And he recently replaced 11 of his 22 and 11 of his 23 cabinet ministers, includ-



EUROPE

Pope, Feeling Better, **Gives His Greetings** 'Slight' Fever Is Reported

VATICAN CITY --- A tiredlooking Pope John Paul II gave sick.

Thank you for coming here today and yesterday, thank you so much," the Pope said, speaking from the window of his private apartments over-

looking St. Peter's Square. "I wish you, in this Christmas season, a special blessing of the Lord," he said.

A Vatican spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the 75-year-old pontiff was feeling better although he still had a slight fever, and said the rest of his holiday schedule would not be affected by the illness.

Absolutely nothing has changed on his end of year program." Mr. Navarro-Valls told reporters, adding the Pope's doctor had ordered him to have a few days' rest.

The slight disturbance which the Holy Father suffered yesterday is improving all the time both in terms of the slight fever and the stomach prob-lems, which are now almost gone," he said.

A day earlier, the Vatican had reported that the Pope had worked up a sweat at midnight Mass and then caught a chill after removing his yellow cer-emonial robes back in his apart-

His health has been uncertain since a hip replacement operation nearly two years ago. Pain is still present and his movements at times slow.

Pilgrims in St. Peter's Square cheered and applauded as the Pope appeared at the window Tuesday to deliver an Angelus

prayer and blessing. He looked tired and drawn as he read slowly from a written text. His voice wavered at times and he stumbled over the words at one point.

At the end, he resumed his Christmas greetings that were cut short Monday when he abruptly stopped his "Urbi et

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the world after suddenly feeling

world on Tuesday after his Christmas' in only Italian, Christmas Day celebrations were disrupted by a bout of influenza. while he had been scheduled on Monday to give the greeting in 54 languages.

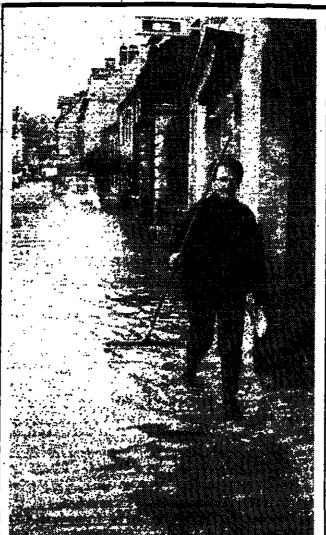
The Pope also had missed Christmas Day Mass in St. Peter's Basilica after his doctors ordered rest for fever and influenza. It was the first time since he became Pope in 1978 that he had missed the Christ-

Mr. Navarro-Valls said the Pope held Mass in his private chapel on Tuesday after getting up at his usual time, 6:15 A.M. "He is in good spirits," the spokesman said, adding that the

Pontiff had received clearance from his doctor to make Tuesday's appearance. The Pope normally gives this

Angelus at his residence in Castelgandolfo, south of Rome, but doctors ordered him to stay at the Vatican to rest and recover from his illness.

He now has no appearances scheduled until celebration of the traditional "Te Deum" vespers here Dec. 31.



ESSENTIALS - A resident of the eastern French town of Ornans carrying a baguette and a scraper Tuesday after the Lone River flooded the town.

Yeltsin Shakes Up Foreign Policy After **Election Reversals**

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin created a new Foreign Policy Council on Tuesday amid increasing signs of his — and his opponents' discontent with Russia's course of diplomacy.

Mr. Yeltsin signed a decree forming the body "for the im-provement of the effectiveness of Russian foreign policy," his office said.

The move came a week after parliamentary elections in which Communists and nationalists — who have long opposed the pro-Western stance of the Foreign Ministry scored big.

Analysts expected the results to prompt Mr. Yeltsin to rearrange his cabinet and make concessions to his opponents.

The president had already expressed displeasure with the Foreign Ministry and its head. Andrei V. Kozyrev.

Mr. Kozyrev, Mr. Yeltsin's longest-serving minister, seems to sense that his days in the cabinet are numbered. Last week, after winning a Parliament seat in the northern city of Murmansk, the foreign minister met with Mr. Yeltsin to discuss

The new council will meet monthly and include leaders of the Foreign Ministry, the Defense Ministry, the Foreign Trade Ministry, the Finance Ministry, the Foreign Intelli-gence Service, the Federal Security Service and other leading officials, his office said.

■ Making Progress

Mr. Yeltsin left a sanatorium where he had been recovering from a heart ailment and moved to a neighboring country residence on Tuesday, his press ser-

vice said, according to Reuters. It said Mr. Yeltsin, 64, would follow doctors' instructions during his stay at the Barvikha residence near Moscow. The Itar-Tass news agency said he would mark the New Year there

with his family. Mr. Yeltsin was hospitalized Oct. 26 suffering from what doctors described as an ischaemic heart condition, a blood supply problem. A month later he moved to the sanatorium and gradually increased

his workload. Mr. Yeltsin had scheduled a meeting with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin on Tuesday to discuss results of the parliamentary elections.

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Austrian Rightist Loses a Seat

VIENNA - Jörg Haider, the rightist who challenged the governing coalition in elections nine days ago, lost one mandate to the Greens in final results issued Tuesday.

As expected, the Social Democrats, who won the Dec. 17 vote, also lost one mandate to the Liberals. It was the first time Mr. Haider's Freedom Party, which has made steady gains over the last 10 years, hadlost ground since he took control in 1986. He has based his campaigning on anti-immigrant

According to the final results, the Social Democrats got 71 seats, the People's Party 53, the Freedom Party 40, the Liberals 10 and the Greens 9. Mr. Haider is thus down two seats from elections a year ago. The Socialists gained six seats and the People's Party one. The Greens lost four seats and the

Papandreou Breathing Better

ATHENS - Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, who was hospitalized with pneumonia on Nov. 20, is breathing without the use of a respirator for a second day, his doctors

'His condition remains stable," said a statement issued by the Onassis Cardiac Surgery Center. There have been no changes over the past 24 hours."

According to hospital sources, Mr. Papandreou, 76, has been lucid and talking with his wife and other members of his family. The statement added that treatment with antibiotics was continuing to prevent the outbreak of a new secondar

French Homeless Storm Building

PARIS — Some 100 homeless people led by Bishop Jacques Gaillot tried to occupy the offices of France's National Employer's Council on Tuesday.

Security personnel blocked the demonstrators from en-

tering the building in an elegant neighborhood of north-western Paris. But the demonstrators left peacefully after meeting with Yves Monier, the council's secretary-general!

At the meeting with Mr. Monier the demonstrators said they explained the situation of young people between the ages of 18 and 25 who have no jobs and in some cases no home. The protesters, who belong to an association known as "Right to Housing," had demanded to meet with Jean Gandois, the council's president.

Monsignor Gaillot was dismissed from his post as bishop of Evreux last Jan. 13 for challenging church positions on issues including abortion, contraception, and homosexuality.

Andalucia to Vote in March

MADRID - The chances that a Spanish general election will be held in early March rose sharply on Tuesday when Andalucia called its regional election on March 3.

Manuel Chaves, president of the region of Andalucia, was forced to call local elections early after the Andalucian Parliament in November rejected the region's 1996 budget

The date is the one which Prime Minister Felipe González has hinted would be chosen for a Spanish general election. "I am waiting to see what happens with the elections in Andalucia," Mr. González said, because "it would seem to me simply an absurdity, not to say wasteful, to have elections in Andalucia during the 20 days before or after the general election.'

Queen to Have Last Word in Defining Diana's Role

LONDON - The wishes of Oueen Elizabeth II will be paramount in deciding whether Princess Diana becomes an ambassador for Britain, Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind said Tuesday.

Mr. Rifkind is the first member of the government to speak out publicly about a possible new role for the princess since she indicated her wish to be a goodwill ambassador in a BBC television interview last month.

Speaking on BBC radio, Mr. Rifkind expressed doubt about the term "ambassador" but he said the government was considering Diana's wish, made known in the interview.

"Ambassador has both a technical

someone who helps advance the interests of the country they belong to," he

"These are issues we need to consider and they will be considered quite properly taking into account the wishes of Her Majesty the Queen. That is the single most important consideration."

Diana, separated from the heir to the throne Prince Charles, said in the interview that she wanted to be a goodwill ambassador for Britain, suggesting a more formal status for her charity

The candid revelations of her tormented life inside the royal family earned her sympathy, and her image was meaning but it also has a more general subsequently polished up with reports of

meaning that is sometimes used of midnight visits to the sick in London

The interview underlined her ambiguous constitutional position as estranged wife to the heir, and last week the queen wrote to Charles and Diana, urging them to seal their separation with a divorce.

Charles accepted and said he did not intend to remarry.

Diana was variously said to be furious and devastated that news of the queen's

letter had become public and she has not Mr. Rifkind said that the future of Charles and Diana was at a "very delprincess depended on decisions they

took about their future.

moment to speculate on these matters," Popular newspapers on Tuesday were less interested in that than in Diana's

"I don't think it is helpful at this

refusal to join the rest of the royal family, including her two sons, for Christmas at the Sandringham estate in eastern You're so selfish, Di," The Sun

newspaper said, contrasting the sulking princess with the 95-year-old Queen Mother, who joined the rest of the family at a church service, using sticks to walk after a hip replacement operation.

The Sun said she spent Christmas icate moment" and that the role of the alone, eating cold chicken in front of the television in her Kensington Palace

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smiling, singing gondoliers and waiters; carefree, flashing-eyed, flirtatious girls; and a great many other characters straight out of Central Casting. Milan is the other Italy, the country's Frankfurt or Zurich or Chicago. Milan, dedicated to commerce and industry, is the capital of the financial-manufacturing complex that has helped to make Italy a leading industrial power.

(a) At a Glance

Although rocked by scandals that earned it the nickname "Tangentopoli" (City of Bribes), Milan remains the nexus of economic influence, where old and new money meet, and where wheeler-dealers wheedle money out of banks, stockmarket players and each oth-

The great Milanese families in the Middle Ages clearly believed that the storing up of earthly riches was no obstacle to their achieving a credit balance in heav-

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To be on the safe side, though, they built churches and laid their dead to rest in cemeteries of remarkable opulence - or remarkable vulgarity, depending on your viewpoint. Ancestry still counts for much in Milan.

The Milanese now have to adapt to a different world. one in which foreigners are arriving in the wake of the country's massive privatization program. Already the French and Germans have entered the group of controlling shareholders of Fiat, while the Swedes have also become major players in

Though ancestry still counts for much in Milan, nimblefootedness counts for even more. Milan has always been renowned for entrepreneurs who created or seized opportunities zestfully - not just in Italy, but all over Europe and the world. Whether in banking, manufacturing, services or financial dealing, the Milanese have always looked outward for new markets.

💭 In a Word

For a large city that is heavily reliant upon foreign trade and the international fashion business, the Milanese are surprisingly weak in English and other lan-

They are tolerant of mangled Italian, however, so try to learn a few key phrases before you arrive. You may also want to carry a pocket phrasebook for solo forays in public.

⇔ Getting Around

The Piazza del Duomo, or Cathedral Square, at the core of Milan, is a short walk from the famous La Scala opera house, the financial district, the smart shopping area, and arcades and galleries of bounques. Shopping in the center rivals that in Paris and London.

Close to the Cathedral neighborhood is the Piazza della Repubblica, and just beyond it the main railroad The canal district is also

close to the center. Most of the centuries-old network of canals is now dry and covered, but some canals remain, and the La Zona dei

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ITALY, AH, ITALY! LAND OF Navigli area is full of stu- Salmon, chiechi alla crema dents, artists, craftworkers. designers, good bars, restaurants - and lots of jazz.

> Much of business Milan is within walking distance of the Cathedral - except during the torrid summer or frigid winter. Taxis are fast and have special lanes reserved for them.

The mass transit system includes a subway, the Metropolitana Milanese (MM). buses and streetcars. The MM is basically an east-west system that includes the main railroad station, the San Babila stop (with its bus connection to Linate airport), the Duomo (Cathedral), Cordusio (for the financial district) and the fairgrounds. You can buy metro, bus and streetcar tickets at tobacconists. marked by a blue sign with a white "T," or by playing the slots at stations with 100and 200-line coins.

Wining & Dining

There's no such thing as "Italian" cuisine. There is, rather, a family of cuisines. Milan has its own dishes, as



does Lombardy. Both are richer, heavier and more varied than typical fare found farther south, for the north has long been rich - and local ingredients and relative wealth are among the historical determinants of cuisine. Milanese cuisine also reflects the Germanic influand Austria.

Milan's restaurants offer the full range of Italian food. Note that many restaurants are closed on Sundays. Booking is essential in most

Largesse for the staff is included in restaurant bills, but you can always add a few thousand lire. Hat-check attendants expect a tip of not less than 8,000 lire.

Al Porto, Piazza Cantore. Tel.: 832-1481. This familyrun restaurant offers fish so fresh it would jump off the plate if it weren't cooked.

Closed Sundays.

Bagutta, Via Bagutta 14.
Tel.: 7600 0902. Arty and popular, famous for offering its own literary prize as well as delectable food.

Berlin Café, Via G.G. Mora 9. Tel.: 839-4336. Milan tends to be deserted on Sundays, but here the stranded visitor can find friendly faces and an interesting Italian-style brunch.

Biffi Scala, Piazza della Scala. Tel.: 866651. The Biffi, part of the worldrenowned La Scala opera house, is a "monument" with a famous terrace. International and Milanese cuisine. Reservations recommended. Closed Sundays.

Don Lisander, Via Manzoni 12a. Tel.: 76020130.

di pomodoro (literally, "grain with tomato cream") and many other delicacies. The most beautiful restaurant garden in Milan.

Giannino, Via A Sciesa 8. Tel.: 5519 5582. Grand yet friendly. Everyone, or so it seems, has eaten in the great dining halls: artists, politicians, Hollywood stars and a few kings.

Gualtiero Marchesi, Via Vittorio Emanuele 11, 25030 Erbusco. Tel.: 030-7760550. New address for one of Italy's finest resaurants. One hour outside of town. La nuova cucina (nouvelle cuisine) here does not mean half the normal portion for twice the money. Expensive, to be sure, but not because the kitchen is skimping but because everything is impeccable. Fabulous pasta and fish. Closed Sundays, Monday lunchtime, July and August, and year-end holiday. Bistro di Gualtiero March-

esi, Via San Rafaele 2. Tel.: 877159. Elegant restaurant

with traditional cusine.
II Girarrosto, Corso
Venezia 31, Tel.: 76000481. A media crowd can be found at this Tuscan restaurant. Its specialty is meatballs with mushrooms (polpettone di Cesarina).

Ristorante Peck, Via Victor Hugo 4. Tel.: 876774. Became known as the Fauchon of Milan for its highclass takeaways. Now a restaurant acclaimed for its ossobuco alla milanese.

Santa Lucia. Via San Pietro All'Orto 3. Tel.: 76023155. The classical Italian cuisine here draws everybody who is anybody politicians, businesspeople, journalists and La Scala singers. Maria Callas was a Savini, Galleria Vittorio

Emanuele 11, 16. Tel.: 72003433. This ancient establishment (1867) is back in favor with prominent Milanese businesspeople and attracts an elegant post-Scala evening crowd. The winter garden opens onto the

The chandeliered dining room inside is imposing. Traditional northern Italian dishes a specialty. Reservaeven the Aga Khan discovered. Closed Sundays.

Stendhal/Café Stendhal, Vias San Marco and Ancona. Tel.: 655-5587. Named for the French writer who loved Milan. New, but looks to the past with imported French woodwork. A favorite with the fashion and theater crowd. Try the fish and the desserts.

Suntory, Via Verdi 6. Tel.: 8693022. Best Japanese restaurant in town, with memorable tempura and sukiyaki.

L'Ullmet, Via Discipli-ni/Via Olmetto. Tel.: 86452718. Wonderful atmosphere and typical Milanese dishes. Éxpensive. Closed Sundays and Monday lunchtime.

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By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

PALE, Bosnia-Herzegovina · Bosnian Serbian leaders requested Tuesday that the commander of the NATO-led peace force in Bosnia, Admiral Leighton Smith of the U.S. Navy, delay the planned rennification of Sarajevo more than six months until next fall. And senior Serbian leaders intimated that their initial compliance with Bosnia's peace plan, which has pleased Admiral Smith, could sour if he was not receptive to their demands.

Admiral Smith was noncommittal but added that he had the authority to modify the dead-

In another development, a NATO source said the Bosnian Serbian military commander and alleged war criminal, Ratko Mladic, sent Admiral Smith a letter last week. The letter, while not solicited by him, put Admiral Smith in a difficult position because under the terms of the Dayton agreement he must not communicate with men charged with war crimes by the International War Crimes Tribunal in the Hague. The source said Admiral Smith accepted the letter but had no plans to reply.

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The developments Tuesday junderscored two of the main difficulties facing the American-led operation to end a 47month-old war in Bosnia that ceptive noises about renegotihas left an estimated 250,000 has left an estimated 250,000 ating the peace deal's providead and 2.5 million homeless: sions for Sarajevo, extending dealing with alleged war criminals whose cooperation is key to making peace in Bosnia and the Serbs to build a new Serbian what to do about the future of city nearby." Serbian-held parts of Bosnia's ... The Serbian demands for a

capital, which are slated to be new deal for Sarajevo came returned to the mostly Muslim during Admiral Smith's first government in less than three trip to their mountain

How Admiral Smith and the jevo. rest of his operation cope with nity to profit from international differences in their attempt to scuttle the plan. This tactic was employed with much success, especially by the Serbs and the Muslims, during the failed United Nations mission in the

former Yugoslavia.

Already; cracks have appeared in the ediffice of the Dayton peace plan. Last Thursday, the deputy commander of Russian peacekeepers in Bosnia who will be under American command, Major General Nikolai Staskov, appeared to violate the spirit of the accord by meeting General Mladic in his headquarters in the eastern Bosnian gassison town of Han a Muslim government.
Pijesak. North Atlantic Treaty

In the talks, Admira Organization officials excused General -Staskov- of -actually breaking the terms of the treaty because Russia will only join the peace implementation force

And French government and military officials have made re-

stronghold of Pale east of Sara-

The Bosnian Serbian request these two problems will have a to delay and modify the imgreat impact on the success of plementation of the deal around the deal, Western officials have Sarajevo recalls other attempts said. The main point they stress to alter agreements and accords is that the multinational force, after they have been signed. In comprising 32 nations, must February 1994, they success-work to deny the Serbs, or Must fully postponed their complilims and Croats, the opportu- ance to a NATO ultimatum to remove their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo, thereby establishing a pattern that led to the collapse of the NATO plan to stop the shelling of civilians Under the terms of the Day-

ton peace agreement, the Bosnian Serbs are to withdraw from five suburbs around Sarajevo where, for almost four years, they besieged the capital, plas-tering it with bundreds of thousands of mortar rounds and killing an estimated 10,000 people. Dozens of Bosman Serbs interviewed in the suburbs over the last two weeks have said they are petrified of living under

In the talks, Admiral Smith met with Momcilo Krajisnik, the head of the self-styled Bosnian Serbian Parliament, Aleksa Buha, "foreign minister" of the Bosnian Serbs, and other Serbian leaders.

At a news conference that followed, Mr. Buha said the Serbs had asked Admiral Smith to extend until the end of September deadlines stipulated by the Dayton deal. He added that the Serbs would like Admiral Smith to respond by Jan, 6, or Orthodox Christmas, to



A French soldier disarming a land mine on Tuesday in Stup, a suburb of Sarajevo.

BOSNIA: U.S. May Extend Role Continued from Page 1 Evo isn't going to fall to the U.S., one NATO officer em-

Vakuf and other areas in the the order is written to make that British sector of Operation clear. Joint Endeavor. That leaves only two French radars in Saga- Joint Endeavor, General Walker jevo, which falls within the can deploy forces from con-French sector, both are located tributing nations as he sees fit. at Sarajevo airport and are so. Basile miss receive permission cused generally to the west.

General Walker in mid-De-cember asked that the U.S. Army deploy two additional Army deploy two additional U.S. spinistrates seconded to the radar systems to the capital for a month. It is not clear why the The Test Armored Division, month. It is not clear why the French cannot boister their which forms the heart of the counterbattery forces or how Larajevo in late January.

ramifications are sorted out. **

according to a military source. 15 sets, reportedly all the The source added that the U.S. army's radars in Europe. radars likely will arrive in Sarajevo within a week.

More than a half million ar-

tillery rounds fell on Sarajevo during the three-and-a-half-year Bosnian war and the city's vulnerability to Serbian guns remains a flashpoint even under the Dayton peace accord, par-ticularly with several Serbian-controlled suburbs scheduled to revert to Bosnian government control next year.

A mortar round that killed 37 ting in motion the events that resulted in the current deploy-

ment of 60,000 NATO troops. Some American officers privately express concern that deploying U.S. radar systems to Sarajevo will in effect make the army responsible for the capital's protection, even if the operation is nominally under rench tactical control.

umbrella over Bihac, Gomji phasized. "The question is how

Under NATO guidelines for from the donor country if he

wants to fragment national locces as would be the case if U.S. contribution here, normaltwo Q-37 systems, each with an

American officers visited eight-man crew. They are used Sarajevo last weekend to assess mostly against long range arwhere to put their radars, but tillery to a maximum range of deployment has been delayed nearly 30 miles. In addition, the while the military and political division has three Q-36 systems, each with a six-man crew, The issue is sensitive enough which are commonly used to to have drawn involvement by detect mortage and shorter-General George A. Joulwan, range artiflery. For this oper-NATO's supreme commander, ation, however the division has

> American planners envision 16 bases from which U.S. armor and helicopter forces will operate in northeast Bosnia, and they acknowledge that even if all 15 radars are operating effectively there will be gaps in

The two radar systems that General Walker wants for Sarajevo would be drawn from forces still in Germany, awaiting deployment to Bosnia.

At Tuzia Air Base, four people in a Sarajevo market radars currently are operating Aug. 28 triggered a two-week NATO bombing campaign, set-of considerable consternation in the past week.

The systems have recorded a number of "false positives"electronic anomalies indicating incoming artillery shells where none exist. But the shoe has also been on the other foot. Army radars illuminating air force planes have caused surface-toair missile detection systems on the aircraft to react as if they

French Pilots Were Tortured, Paris Paper Reports

The Associated Press PARIS - Contrary to the official version, the two French pilots shot down over Bosnia in August were tortured by their Serbian captors and endured mock executions, a newspaper reported.

Citing a military debriefing report marked "defense secrets," the respected satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaîné said in its Wednesday edition that the Serbian military commander, General Ratko

and death.

Mladic, threatened the pilots with torture mission Aug. 30. They were held for three and a half months before their release.

acquired the secret report. The French authorities have prohibited the men from discussing their ordeal

Captain Frédéric Chiffot and his copilot, Lieutenant José Souvignet, were captured when their Mirage 2000 was shot down over Serbian-held territory in eastern Bosnia during a NATO bombing peace accord, French Officials Claimed the pilots had been well treated. In prison, Le Canard reported, guards kicked the pilots, each of whom had a broken leg, at the site of their injuries. They also were subject to mock executions, it said.

DOLE: Issue Isn't the Kansas Senator's Courage, but His Convictions

waffling?'

U.S. systems are pulled out of its organization. They include pearing to have a lock on the nomination, while not actually having it, has left the Dole campaign in an odd state of suspension.

Moreover, strategists for rival campaigns are hardly ready to concede. They say that while Mr. Dole has kept his lead in the polls, his support is soft, his favorability ratings are deteriorating and he is unelectable in November.

much the Washington insider, too interested in brokering deals rather than fighting for nailing down the nomination by principle, and too short on a winning support from conserrationale for why he should be president. Moreover, the perception is that in the early going he has been pandering to the right at the expense of the more moderate voters he must count on next November.

"The single biggest question voters have of Dole is whether he has convictions," said Linda DiVall, a pollster working for a rival, Senator Phil Gramm of

Texas. She said the budget stalemate between Republicans on Capi-White House was hurting Mr. about two seconds to conjure up Dole because he appeared to be a potential strategem.

Continued from Page 1 the Republican most eager to "Is the country really look- If the old war footage con-

Make a Deal' so that he can go delivering for his contribu-out and claim the nomination." tors?" he said. "Someone who around," the fit-looking senshe said, adding that this made in 14 hours has three different ator growled in his baritone the him look craven next to Newt positions on abortion - and Gingrich, the House speaker, who is standing with the Republican freshmen for the principles that conservatives care most about.

James Carville, the Democratic strategist who helped engineer Mr. Clinton's 1992 race He is criticized as too old, too and will advise the president again, said the Dole campaign was torn between the task of vatives in the party, and the urge to start appealing to the broader, more moderate electorate whose votes he will need in November.

Mr. Carville said he believed Mr. Dole was already trying to move to the center with his recent statements on abortion and the ban on assault weapons, both of which the public at large supports but most conservatives oppose. Mr. Carville, aware that Mr. Dole has raised more money from special interest groups tol Hill and Democrats in the than any other senator, takes

"He wants to play 'Let's chanic who has a good record and stamina, he has an answer. they're running against us on

> If the general election were held today, according to the lat-est CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, Mr. Clinton would beat Mr. Dole, 52 to 43 percent. But Mr. Lacy predicted that once Mr. Dole became the nominee, be could start to define Mr. Clinton as someone who has failed to keep his promises. Right now, voters are judging Clinton in a vacuum," he said.

This weekend, a new Dole commercial in New Hampshire tries to fill that vacuum by fleshing out the story of his life, including the hard times of his youth, when the family lived in their basement in Russell, Kansas, and rented out the up-

stairs for income. The commercial, meant to convey Mr. Dole's grit and determination, focuses on his long climb toward wholeness after his 1945 wounds, when his verte- a Dole-Gingrich alliance, and tight and expensive housing brae were damaged by enemy the best thing he can do in the market, they have little hope of fire as he tried to rescue a man who, it turned out, was dead.

"I tell people to follow me

other day in his Senate office.
"I'm in good health," he added, despite surgery in 1991 for prostate cancer. "If I felt my chronological age, that would be one thing. But everybody is

living longer."
"Dole's greatest risk is that people think he is Bush in '92 all over again --- an older, establishment Republican without any vision," said William Kristol, a Republican commentator and editor of The Weekly Stan-

dard. "The Dole people think he can just beat Clinton on character and maturity, but Bush tried that and lost. In '94, the Republicans beat him on ideology. Dole needs to sharpen the contrast between where he would lead the country and

where Clinton would lead it." He added: "Primary voters want to continue the revolution of '94. Dole needs to convey that a Dole presidency would be vigorously.'

Move Into Sensitive Areas Near Hebron Gaza Strip and the West Bank

town of Jericho under a 1993

framework peace accord he-

tween Israel and the Palestine

130,000 Israelis settled mostly

in the West Bank may remain

Under the agreement, about

Prime Minister Shimon

Peres said he expected results to

emerge from Israel's first talks

with Syria in six months,

Reuters reported Tuesday from

Jerusalem. The talks begin

Wednesday in the United

the negotiations this time from

the Syrians," Mr. Peres told the

Japanese television network

NHK, according to his spokes-

but the atmosphere from Darn-

ascus is positive," she quoted

him as saying.

Israel has been surprised by

the upbeat tone of Syria since

Mr. Peres succeeded Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who

was assassinated in November.

be better than the previous

ones," a senior Syrian official said on Tuesday. "There is a new atmosphere and we have

big hopes. We look forward to

Shamir Plans

To Give Up

Parliament

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — For-

mer Prime Minister

Yitzhak Shamir, a staunch

opponent of land-for-peace

agreements with the Arabs,

announced Tuesday that he

would not run for Parlia-

ment in the 1996 general

"We hope that this round will

"Perhaps not the substance,

woman, Aliza Goren.

"We do have expectations of

Liberation Organization.

Palestinian Police

DAHARIYA, West Bank ---Scores of Palestinian police began deploying Tuesday in vilages near the West Bank town of Hebron, a flashpoint of Arab-Israeli violence, witnesses

In Dahariya, once the site of a guarded by Israeli troops. notorious Israeli Army jail, Peres Upheat on Syria men cheered as Palestinian police took over the building, which had been emptied of prisoners weeks ago, and threw open the doors to the public. About 1,000 people, mostly

men, crowded the building, some for a glimpse of cells where they had once been held by the Israelis. Women and children sang and played drums around the building and two huge Pales-

tinian flags were draped from This is a wonderful feelsaid Mohammed Abu

Sharkh, 22. "Now we rule our-He added, "This is what we

struggled for all these years, and now it's real." Israeli troops pulled out of Dahariya in 20 army jeeps. About 80 Palestinian police, some in olive drab and others in blue uniforms, arrived on a bus

and several jeeps.
In total, 300 Palestinian police deployed in five villages near Hebron on Tuesday. Hebron itself is set to be partly evacuated by Israel by mid-March.

Palestinian police deploy-ment in the rest of the Hebron district villages will be completed by the end of the year.

Also Tuesday, Israeli troops pulled out of the village of Halhoul near Hebron, but Palestinian police have yet to deploy

Israel withdrew from Bethlehem last week, the sixth West Bank town evacuated since last year. Israel is due to withdraw from a seventh town, Ramallah, by the end of the year. Palestinian elections are to be held on

Israel on Tuesday dedicated a 9-kilometer (6-mile) bypass road around Ramallah to be troops withdraw.

used by Israelis after their Hebron, site of a massacre in 1994 in which a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Palestinians praying at a mosque, is the only

Mr. Shamir, 80, lost the 1992 election to Yitzhak Rabin and a year later was replaced by Benjamin Netanyahu as leader of the rightist Likud Party. He

continued to serve as a Likud legislator. Mr. Shamir said he did

not plan to compete in the will not run for Parliament anymore," he said.

HOMELESS: Drifters Targeted

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settlers actually living in it.

Self-rule began in 1994 in the.

homeless youths — the selfdescribed "gutter punks" who swarm the French Quar-

Council and the author of the ally single men, who cause the proposal. "We have certain most problems, the property ple should be able to use public

homeless people tend to be older, seriously impaired by years of drinking alcohol and using drugs, and cynical about society's attitudes.

Many of them classify themselves as the working homeless, that with Austin's notoriously next few weeks is defend Newt accumulating enough money to rent a place to live.

BOOKS

"We're not bothering anybody," said a 25-year veteran of the streets who gave his name as Henry.

Downtown property owners ter.

"The general public is fed up," said Peggy Wilson, president of the New Orleans City

beg to differ. Saying there is an important distinction between down-on-their-luck families and transient individuals, usustandards we must uphold. Peo- owners say they have finally lost patience.

'Austin is apparently known In Austin, the city's 6,000 as an easy city,' said Jose Martinez, executive director of the Downtown Austin Alliance. "What we are talking about

in the case of the downtown area is a small, hard-core group of individuals who support themselves through illegal, impicking up construction jobs moral activity — stealing, when they can. But they argue purse-snatching," he said. "In Austin," he added, " you see these people at the corners panhandling, the same people day in and day out. They chose this lifestyle."

BEST SELLERS

The New York Times
This list is based on reports from more than
000 bookstones throughout the United States. The responsibility for Sara-were being tracked by missiles. FICTION

said. "There is a need for co-operation and being construc-from the opposition benches. The Democratic Left Party's stannch secularist leader, Bu-President Suleyman Demirel lent Ecevit, said he would back "We evaluated how such a

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prime minister, has frequently
criticized the U.S.-educated
Mrs. Ciller for her privatization
drive and free-market ideas.
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The bid to block Mr. Erbakan ister after her defeat on Sunday, and the Kurdish issue. also has the support of the leftist but Mr. Demirel asked her to Democratic Left Party and Mrs. stay on in a caretaker role until a Ciller's former social demonew government is set up.

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■ This one will make you wring your hands about Amer-

Schuyler may have had another whole agenda.) Josephine had life. She married that black man, scandalized her folks, fed her daughter on raw liver and brains and began keeping scrapbooks on her "hybrid experiment."

creation of a musical genius. Here, Philippa's story takes a terrible turn. Her mother whipped her regularly. She nev-

Philippa Duke Schuyler was ahead of the other kids, and she out. When Philippa is presented, born in 1931 to a black jour- was the only person "of color" nalist father and a wealthy for miles around. Thanks to her books that chronicle her life, Southern white mother who journalist father, she early on sold themselves on the idea that had her picture in the magazines that from her parents' point of only by miscegenation could the as a talented "Negro" prodigy, view, she's been a genetic ex-helicopter accident in Vietnam, race question in America be but in day-to-day life it was solved. (Or, more accurately, only Philippa and her mother, Josephine, the mom, wrote that locked in an isolated, manipdown in her diary. George ulative struggle. Even her piano America, Europe, Africa. In kids in the '40s and '50s, she gone from man to man and the world, were changed by her sees women toiling, disregard-bleak, extraordinarily weird wanted to make a statement, put mother as soon as there was any ed, disrespected. Indeed, as American life. Kathryn Talalay some kind of meaning in her emotional attachment between time goes by, she decides she has done a gorgeous job with them and Philippa.

Philippa and her mother were came from Madagascar, and Post.

worked because in no time the nature of the outside world: ican-Indian-and-European." Philippa was walking, talking. As a woman, Philippa would reading, writing. Her IQ tested have a terribly hard time making be "colored" that she took out out at 180, and by the age of 4 it as a concert pianist; as a black a passport in another name, Feshe was playing Mozart. Her she would find it almost im-dad was already fooling around possible. She would do well gesting that she had an Iberian with the ladies, but her mother enough as a prodigy, but there heritage. Her politics had by had found her life's work, the would come a time when she would hit the wall.

genius or a freak of nature? Kathryn Talalay, the author of ica, what it means to be a wom- er had any friends because she this sad and thoughtful biography, doesn't jump to conclu-When she did go, she was years sions; she just lets the story play in her early teens, with the scrapshe's horrified; she understands periment.

really isn't black. "I am not a this unique material. The prodigy and her mother Negro!" she writes her mother, went on tour. The reviews were and using mental sleight of

The raw liver must have incredibly slow learners about that she's really "Malay-Amer-

gesting that she had an Iberian this time become so strange that she lectured regularly to the Had her mother turned out a John Birch Society. She had strings of suitors who treated her badly, and the one man who loved her, she couldn't abide. She was, in a phrase, totally screwed up. She was unable to resolve the elements of black and white in her own life, unable to shake off her demon mother, unable to love or be loved. She died in 1967 in a where she had gone in her new After Philippa is grown, her touring takes her through South hundreds, thousands of black teachers, who might have of- Africa, she's tormented by all was a role model, a reason to fered her various windows onto that it means to be black. She take piano lessons. This is 2

Carolyn See reviews books almost always good. But both hand, she decides that her father regularly for The Washington

TURKEY: Anti-Islamist Effort

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Mr. Erbakan said he hoped

would give him the task of a strong government. forming a coalition in line with Turkish political tradition, un- government could be formed der which the biggest party in a and how we could contribute to

have vowed not to go into government with the Welfare Par-

Mr. Erbakan also said he had no desire to change Turkey's wanted to concentrate on solving inflation, unemployment enument that replaced it.

cratic coalition parmers.

But it was unclear if the left would join a coalition or sup-

She resigned as prime min-(Reuters, AFP)

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THIS one's a heartbreaker. an, and what it means to be hardly ever got to go to school. black.

Korea's Opportunity

unfolding in South Korea. Top govern- he was president. ment and corporate leaders of the 1980s are being hauled before courts and charged with crimes ranging from bribery to insurrection. Conviction, at least in theory, could lead to long years of imprisonment and even execution.

The architects of this upheaval do not come from some long-suppressed party or minority, but from the Korean governing class itself. The party in power today descends directly from the military-backed leaders who ruled through the 1980s.

President Kim Young Sam, though once an opponent of the military regime, was nominated and elected with the support of many of those his government now prosecutes.

Given that lineage, it is natural to wonder whether the crackdown represents a committed effort to reform Korea's corrupt political and corporate culture, or is actually an attempt to protect the culture by sacrificing the most egregious offenders.

Although the answer will not be clear for some time, the initial signs are promis-ing. The cleansing process can reach a healthy conclusion only if Mr. Kim completes his own rupture with an ambiguous past and establishes himself as the unflinching reformer he now claims to be.

Former Presidents Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Woo have been indicted for launching the bloody 1979 military coup that brought them to power. Soon both will also be charged with responsibility for the 1980 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators in the city of Kwangju,

An extraordinary political drama is a \$650 million political slush fund while

The chief executives of leading companies like Daewoo and Samsung are accused of systematic bribery to win govemment contracts and favors.

If convicted, the former presidents are likely to be severely punished, and the corporate leaders can expect to be heavily fined and see their political and economic clout diminished.

More significantly, if the prosecutions go forward. Korea's top political and business leaders will be put on notice that the rule of law, which applies to their fellow citizens, will now apply to them as well.

The benefits of such a cleansing would be broadly felt. Future governments would have less to worry about from military plotters. A new generation of politicians should find it easier to gain power. Companies would have to compete on the price and quality of their products rather than the size of their payoffs, and new entrepreneurs would have a fair chance to bid for government contracts.

For Korea to achieve these results, Mr. Kim must refrain from interfering with the investigations to protect his political allies or himself. Though Mr. Kim first made his name as an opponent of the Korean dictatorships, and endured years of house arrest for his outspokenness, he made his peace with the ruling party in 1990. In exchange, the party nominated him for president in 1992.

Korea has an opportunity today to establish itself as an East Asian model of prosperity and democracy built on a respect for law. Mr. Kim and his countrymen should not settle for anything less. -THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Amend Nuclear Course

The Senate made a big mistake in its recent authorization of early deployment (by 2003) of a big-scale national defense against a missile attack from ...

That's the first part of the problem from where? Russia has plenty of loose weapons around but is out of the business of strategic threat. China lacks the capability. The rogue-bomb countries are restrained by their weak technological bases. The idea of a missile-proof umbrella over the continental United States, plus Hawaii and Alaska, plays on many people's imaginations. But the need is demonstrably remote, and research, vigilance and maintenance of the American deterrent can hedge the risks.

The second error is even larger. The vote undermines realistic steps that are being successfully taken to bring threatening missiles under control and dramatically reduce their numbers by way of the existing arms control treaties with the Russians. These mandate real, dramatic and continuing reductions in the world's most dangerous weapons. But even as the Russians under-reduce some weapons under Russian) efforts to induce others to disone treaty, Congress by its missile-defense (the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty) so that back to the right nuclear course. the United States could neutralize their

remaining weapons. This is what American missile-defense enthusiasts ignore. Sam Nunn, one of the Senate's most sober and serious students of these strategic matters, warns of the "supreme folly" of a missile defense proposal that could induce Russia to scuttle arms reductions in the belief that Washington intended to break out of the ABM Treaty. The Cold War is over. There is no

reason to think the economically diminished and politically disrupted Russians are planning an attack or are in a position to do so if they wanted to. But the fact remains that governments are extremely touchy about these delicate strategic arrangements, and a rude unilateral alteration in them can have unwanted and disturbing political consequences.

In this case, a Russia struggling to cope with the letdown from superpower status and empire could halt or slow the stillvital mutual arms cuts that were put in place by George Bush. That would undercut the example of disarmament that lies at the foundation of American (and arm or to forego nuclear weapons of their ambitions threatens to bust another treaty own. Congress needs to work its way

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

More Housecleaning

The report released last week on Ruby Ridge by a Senate subcommittee on terrorism is the first public account of that debacle, though at least seven other studies inside the FBI and the Justice Department have been completed and their contents leaked. The report provides an evaluation of the terrible mistakes made in connection with the Idaho siege in which three people died.

Randy Weaver, the white separatist whose failure to appear for trial on gun charges precipitated the crisis, was at fault. But one law enforcement agency after another that became involved in the case handled it badly. A jury believed Mr. Weaver had been entrapped initially by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. That agency spread false information about his background — he had never been in trouble with the law - leading others to believe he was a violent felon and to overreact in response.

Attempts to approach the Weaver cabin, where he lived with his wife, children and a friend, were planned poorly and then botched. The FBI authorized outrageous shoot-on-sight orders to its sharpshooters and then bungled both its responsibility to federal prosecutors in the case and internal investigations that ensued. The FBI lab was sloppy and unresponsive, the search of the crime scene was defective and the testimony of some law enforcement agents contradictory.

The subcommittee makes suggestions for reform; many have already been put into effect by the FBI director, Louis Freeh. The report also questions the wis-dom of having multiple investigative

agencies that sometimes duplicate efforts and trip each other up. The BATF will undoubtedly be the target of any reorganization, and in light of its mistakes, that would be warranted. The sensitive subject of alleged criminal actions taken by law officers was not addressed by the senators. who didn't want to hinder possible prosecutions. Cover-up is the charge here, with the familiar disappearance of documents, misplaced loyalties and scapegoating. Five high officials of the FBI have already been suspended, and indictments are a real possibility. The subcommittee report should spur these related investigations and provide additional impetus for the internal housecleaning still to come.

Other Comment

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Tent of Peace

Surely nothing would capture the imagination of young people everywhere than a gathering of all of us, standing together and declaring — and when I say all of us. I mean all the leaders of the Middle East, all the 20 of them, not one by one, but together — and declaring the end of war, the end of conflict.

Carrying the message to our forefathers and to our grandchildren that we are again, all of us, the sons and daughters of Abraham, living in a tent of

- From remarks by Shimon Peres (The Washington Post)



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The Ill-Tempered Gate-Closers Endanger America

NEW YORK — Take in the stranger, care for him. The major religions of the world all teach that. At the time of holidays - holy days - that might be virtue and responsibility coming together worth thinking about.

The above paragraph is a blatant attempt to use religion, the holiday season, emotion, compassion and sentiment in the cause of a generous American immigration policy.

Yes, and it is an unashamed effort to call down the words of Jehovah, Jesus, Allah, Krishna, Buddha and the great Sikh gurus to smite and warn American politicians who fight to keep narrowing the opening in the gates of America.

They struggle, with all their sour passions, to treat legal immigrants as a special caste to be deprived of rights and privileges for the offense of being foreign-born.

Well — I really do not expect religion to

move American politicians and their pro-

paganda mentors who want to create America in their image — America the Mingy, mean from shore to shining shore. But when the stranger sets immediately to build cities, take in crops and strengthen the country with his skills, culture and genius, we get that lovely combination - By A. M. Rosenthal

to promote our self-interest. That is what generous immigration gives us, a thought that might move Americans who sit by,

not noticing its approaching demise.

As a holiday gift. I give you three particularly useful recent pieces on immigration.

Julian L. Simon, a professor of business at the University of Maryland, has put the essence of his noted immigration studies into 51 pages — "Immigration: the Demographic and Economic Facts." Here's a taste, backed by statistics, to

answer the charges made by the gate-narrowers en route to their goal of Despite the propaganda about America's being overwhelmed with immi-grants, the rate of immigration is about one-third what it was at the beginning of

the century. Immigrants do not increase the rate of unemployment among native-born Americans. Total per capita government expenditures on immigrants are much lower than those for the nativeborn. The education levels of immigrants

have been increasing every decade. Natural resources and the environment are not at risk from immigration - in fact, they are helped by the technical knowledge it brings.

You can get this report from the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank. at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. It is excellent for smitting.

But the immigration issue is not just about statistics. Without immigration.

America would not have long existed. Now, without immigration it cannot exist as a world power. Immigration helped create the weaponry and technology, from the atom bomb to the cruise missiles of the Gulf War that empowered America militarily.

Today, immigrants of genius are essential to American industry and high standards of life. One-third of all U.S. Nobel winners are foreign-born and, judging by mathematical doctorates, science degrees. patents, prizes and publications, one-third of American geniuses are foreign-born. Those conclusions come from "Geniuses from Abroad" in the Wall Street Journal of Dec. 18, by George Gilder, a fellow of the Discovery Institute in Seattle.

It would be handy if the United States could just pick up geniuses full blown, rejecting all others at the gate.

But geniuses have a way of arriving in America disguised as little kids. Or they come from the wombs of nongenius immigrant mothers. That's the way it works."

But when an immigrant or immigrantfamily genius does flower, he turns out to be thousands of times more productive economically than ordinary people - a reality ignored by too many economists.

Then, for an idea how gate closers are endangering immigration and perventing the constitution, read the analysis of the anti-immigration measures now pending in Congress.

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Get it from the National Immigration Forum, 220 I Street, N.E., Suite 220, Washington D.C. 20002-4362. Then have a chat with your local Congress member, a lot of chats.

I wish I had a pulpit to instruct the antiimmigration types that their defiance of the religious commandments on the stranger weakens their country and, incidentally, endangers their immortal souls, but a column will have to do. The New York Times.

Japan Bids Good Riddance to 1995, Year of Disaster and Scandal

TOKYO — Japan can't wait to see the end of 1995. After a year of doom and gloom, the Japanese government and public are hoping that at last the fallout from the Kobe earthquake, the urban terrorism linked to a bizarre religious cult and the Daiwa banking scandal will finally be put behind them.

The year 1995 will go down in history as the worst for Japan in a generation. Not since the first oil shock of 1973-74 has the nation experienced such turmoil and belatedly discovered that it does indeed have feet of clay. The selfcongratulatory rhetoric of the recent past is dead. It is no longer possible to speak breathlessly about the virtues of the Japanese industrial system or the purported harmony of its "unique" society.

The revealed faults of Japan's closed bureaucratic-business-political world have been an eyeopener for many Japanese, and it will be increasingly hard to stick

the old "iron triangle" state back together again. Criticism of the manner in which the top echelon of economic bureaucrats failed in its supervision of Daiwa, and about the still-unresolved issues of who should bail out

now widespread. The Japanese public sees fraud and connivance and is unlikely to swallow for much longer the myth that the Tokyo Universityeducated bureacrats have all the answers. Deference and obedience hardly accord with the searching questions being asked about why expressways buckled in the Kobe earthquake and why financial bureaucrats kept quiet

Clearly the postwar system that designed an economy and conditioned a nation to break its back for national reconstruction and growth is in jeopardy. The "iron

over busted banks.

By Roger Buckley triangle" has produced only a pro-

longed recession and a confused public that has few heroes left. Japan is not mad at its politicians; it never had many illusions about its elected officials in the first place, and the present conthe bankrupt credit unions, is fusions over political parties swallowing their professed ideologies to gain office only con-

firms public cynicism. It is rather the continuing saga of the national economy and the all-too-visible inadequacies of the supposedly best and brightest bureaucrats that worry the Japanese public.

Corrupt politicians could be accepted as long as the men in dark suits from the ministries were in charge and knew which levers to pull to keep Japan Inc. afloat. Few Japanese now want anything to do with a more controlled Japan, except to outlaw religious cults that leave poison gas on the subway.

Many would be grateful, though, for some reassurance that Japan's leaders can get them out of their economic hole and stop the present demoralization. However, 1996 is likely to

bring partial remedies to some of The probability of a general

The unspooling crises have been

eye-opening for the Japanese public. election is high. Whatever the outcome of the contest between Prime Minister Tomiichi Mu-

rayama's strange coalition and the opposition New Frontier Party, it will at least provide an opportunity to clear the air.

Japan may also see the long-

fortunes. Government forecasters have gotten egg on their faces in the past, but this time it does seem possible that the economy could actually rebound to achieve 2.5 percent growth in 1996, after adjustment for inflation.

While this is hardly a spec-tacular performance for those who recall an earlier Japan, it is decidedly good news for the many hard-pressed small businesses, struggling households and unemployed graduates.

Any funire Japanese govern-ment could therefore inherit an improving economy and a less anxious public mood.

Until then, however, Japan has to soldier on with its old pilot and a dispirited crew. The ship is not off the sands yet.

The writer, who teaches history at the International Christian University in Tokya, contributed this comment to the International awaited upturn in its economic Herald Tribunes

Australians Confront Their Misgivings About Living With Asia

MELBOURNE — A large placard, urging Australians not to forget the murder in East-Timor of television crew members from Australia in October 1975, appeared on a busy Melbourne road soon after the recent Pearl Harbor, which brought the signing of a security treaty with

Indonesia

The vocal body of opinion that the placard represents, the volley of protesting letters to newspapers and the serious doubts that have been expressed about the way the treaty was negotiated in absolute secrecy reflect the difficulty Australians have about living with Asia.

Australians have long been conscious that their country is vast, sparsely populated, vuiner-able and far removed from traditional friends in Europe and

By Denis Warner

Britain, its former colonial pow-United States into the war, Australia looked across the Pacific

for American help. Much of the country's subsequent military involvement in Asia — in the Korean War, in Vietnam, in Malaya during the struggle against Communist insurgents in the 1950s and in support of Malaysia against Indonesia's confrontation in the early 1960s -- was intended to nurture those protective links with distant friends in the West.

Change began before the end of the Cold War and has been greatly

North America. Before World accelerated since with the deter-War II, Australia clung tightly to mined bid by Prime Minister Paul Kearing to go it alone in develer. After the Japanese assault on oping much closer ties with Asia.

The treaty with Indonesia is the most spectacular manifestation of this policy trend. It says that the two countries will consult each other "in the case of adverse challenges to either party or to their common security interests, and, if appropriate, consider measures which might be taken either in-dividually or jointly" in accordance with the processes of each

government. Indonesia's booming economy, which is growing at an annual rate of more than 6 percent, and its location between Australia and mainland Southeast Asia make it

strategic and economic planners in Canberra. Indonesia s populapopulation of 18 million.

Early in the next century, Indonesia will be a power of major questions. "Is this the price for our economic weight, providing extensive trading and investment opportunities for Australia. More importantly, Indonesia could be either a bridge or a barrier to any threat from the north. For these reasons, the treaty

makes a lot of sense for Australia.

However, public opposition to it is growing and the United States may not be entirely happy either. Australia and the United States are partners in the ANZUS mutual defense treaty. In the past, when Indonesia's expansionism under President Sukarno led to the threat of war over West Irian and to actual, if small-scale, fighting between Australian and Indonesian forces in Borneo, Washington did not conceal its concern that it might be drawn into a conflict in which its own vital in-

terests were not at stake. The wording of the new se-curity treaty does not commit Australia to action should Indonesia become involved militarily in the South China Sea (where Chinese claims overlap a huge Indonesian natural gas project) or elsewhere. But it does raise possibilities that must interest any

U.S. administration. Within Australia, the cloak of secrecy that surrounded negotiations on the treaty, and the fact that the Australian Parliament was not informed until after they were concluded, is a source of increasing criticism. The anti-In-donesian lobby in Australia is vo-

a country of great significance for cal and commands considerable space in the media. Any sugges-tion that a treaty with Indonesia tion of about 200 million exceeds was in the making would have led by more than 10 times Australia's to demonstrations designed to derail the negotiations.

Yet the secrecy raises disturbing becoming part of Asia?" asked secretary of the Australian Defense Department. "The democratic mechanisms that we have long prided ourselves were a fundamental part of the heritage we took from the Western democratic tradition have simply been laid down to be walked over by a process of stealth and preemption.

Despite the treaty, it is clear that a substantial number of Australians continue to regard Indonesia with doubt and suspicion. Indonesia, says a former Australian diplomat, "is not exactly a role model for emerging democracies in Asia or elsewhere."

Yet, ratification of the treaty by Parliament is not in doubt. And its approval will mark a very long step forward for this still predominantly Anglo-Saxon country in the policy of engagement with Asia.

The writer, a former Asia correspondent for Australian and British newspapers, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Rights Denied

PARIS - Mme. Eugénie Potonié-Pierre has sent a petition to the Chamber of Deputies asking in the name of the Groupe de la Solidarité des Femmes for the repeal of Article 324 of the Penal Code and the right for women to sit on criminal juries. It has been rejected. The article in question states that in the case of adultery by the woman, murder committed by the husband upon the wife as well as upon her accomplice at the moment they are surprised together, is excusable.

1920: Italians Worried

ROME --- The passing of the Bill in Washington temporarily pro-hibiting immigration into the Unit-ed States has alarmed the Italian Government. For many reasons emigration is a vital necessity for its use a ship in mid-ocean shrouds. Italy, and a dam raised against one ed in fog, or a plane traveling of its principal currents constitutes a serious economic danger. An ur-locate its position in minutes and

the Parliamentary Vigilance Board and the Permanent Emigration Committee to consider what steps may be taken. It is believed that pressing representations will be made to the Foreign Minister urging the necessity of diplomatic conversations with the United States on the subject.

1945: Useful Technology WASHINGTON - One of the

Navy's most carefully guarded

war-time secrets, a navigational device using electronics to obtain extreme accuracy in fixing aircraft and ship position, is likely to be among the first war-inspired inventions to gain large-scale peacetime use. The device is known as Loran, from a shuffling of the letters in its description; long-range radio navigational aid. With overseas in heavy weather, can gent joint meeting has been held of set a certain course for its port.

Protests Pinned the Gap to the Wall By Bob Herbert resentative from the ombuds-

NEW YORK — Sometimes there is good news. The Gap, under strong pressure from consumers and worker rights activists, has agreed to allow independent observers, including human rights officials, to monitor working conditions in the factories in Central America in which Gap clothing is made.

If carried out in good faith, the agreement would curb many of the abuses of the young and mostly female workers who put in long hours at very low pay in the so-called maquiladora factories. These are independently owned sweatshop operations that have been set up in freetrade zones to produce goods for large retailers in the United States and elsewhere.

The conditions are often miserable. Forced overtime is common. Marathon shifts during peak production periods can last 20 hours or more. Many of the factories employ children, which is illegal. And until now, all attempts by workers to organize and form unions have

negative publicity. The Gap, in an accord with the National Labor Committee

factory compliance with the Gap's 'Sourcing Principles and Guidelines.' All of the major retailers have drawn up principles and guidelines - codes of conduct - for

their subcontractors to follow. The guidelines are supposed to protect the rights of workers and sweatshop workers.

been ruthlessly suppressed. Retailers always insist they won't tolerate such abuses, while at the same time claiming to be unaware of them. When the abuses are brought to light, the companies inevitably shift into a defensive public relations mode — their highest priority being to ward off

that was signed recently, has moved beyond public relations. The agreement says, "Gap and the NLC feel that it will be helpful to use the Human Rights

Ombudsman's offices in El Sal-

vador and other Central Amer-

The new agreement aims to protect

ensure humane conditions, but they are routinely ignored. The Gap, by signing this agreement, is saying it will no longer allow its guidelines to be ignored. This is an important step,"

said the U.S. labor secretary,

Robert Reich, in an interview. "It is something of a watershed. The major retailers and manufacturers have been somewhat reluctant to police their contractors [in the United States] and abroad. This raises the question for other big retailers who haven't moved in this direction - why not?"

The agreement refers specifically to the Mandarin International plant in El Salvador. which recently crushed an attempt by workers to form a union. Union leaders and many union members were fired.

The agreement says: "Mandarin International has agreed to meet face to face with nonworking union officials and workers to negotiate and resolve their differences. This meeting will take place at the Ministry of ican countries to monitor Labor in the presence of a rep-

man's office. It is the fervent hope of the Gap and NLC that this meeting will result in the offer of reinstatement to the seven nonworking union leaders and other members."

Mandarin is not bound by the agreement, but it is understood that if a fair settlement cannot be reached with the union workers, the Gap will no longer do business with Mandarin. And if the Gap severs all ties to Mandarin, other large companies can be expected to do the same.

The pressure on the Gap and other retailers began in earnest last summer when two young maquiladora workers, on a trip sponsored by the labor committee, toured several cities in the United States and Canada. The reaction to their plight was intense. Consumers were outraged. Students joined in letterwriting campaigns. Religious groups organized protests. Two rabbis from Congrega-

York City wrote a letter to Donald G. Fisher, chief executive of the Gap and Banana Republic empire, which said. "Before we publicly announce to our congregation that shopping at the Gap and the Banana Republic is a violation of Jewish ethical laws, we would like to hear from you if there are any plans to immediately correct those violations."

tion B'nai Jeshurun in New

"This thing touched a chord," said Charles Kernaghan, the executive director of the National Labor Committee and the leader of the campaign on behalf of the workers. People are not interested in wearing clothes made by exploited workers and children." The New York Times.

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There's Just No Way Around Health and Taxes

WASHINGTON — If death and taxes are inescapable parts of life, health care and taxes have become an inescapable part of politics. Those issues will be around long after the current budget wrangle gets resolved. Look carefully at the travails of Bill Clinton in his first two years and the travails of the congressional Republicans now: So much of their trouble grew out of the confusion, anger and fear that these two matters generate.

The problem with the current budget fight is not the lies that each

The discontent that creates the demand for deficit reduction is not rooted in budget numbers.

side tells, but the fact that partial truths are used to keep the debate from focusing on the whole truth.

On health care, of course the Republicans are right to say that the costs of Medicare and Medicaid have to be contained. President Clinton said exactly the same thing when he presented his health care plan - at a time when the Republicans were insisting that there was no bealth crisis.

But the real issue on health is not simply whether the cuts the Republicans propose are too deep, which even the staunchest deficit hawks believe they are. What matters most is how the country will deal with the iarger paradoxes created by a health care system that is simultaneously a smashing success and a mess.

The genius of the health system - its ability to generate new breakthroughs in treatment, technology and research — is the very reason why it is so expensive. We AmerBy E. J. Dionne Jr.

icans like all the good parts, but we don't like the costs this magnificent contraption imposes on our own pocketbooks, on the government

and on our employers.

Given this disjunction, politicians will always have trouble with the health issue: They can either pretend that we can have it all for less, which hurts their credibility, or they can be honest that some trade-offs will have to be made, which costs them votes. Medicare and Medicaid are an important part of that question, but only a part. Whatever happens to those programs this year, you can be sure that politicians will revisit the health issue over and over.

On taxes, there is a strong case for a middle-class rax cut and an equally strong case for not cutting govern-ment revenues at all. These arguments need not be contradictory.

For the moment, the American economy is behaving differently from what we came to expect in the three fat decades after World War IL Growth is less evenly distributed than it used to be. Even as the economy produces jobs and profits, a lot of people in the middle and bottom correctly sense that their living standards are stagnating or skidding. That is why the slogan of John Sweeney, the AFL-CIO president — "America Needs a Raise" — will be popular.

One way to give middle-income workers a raise is for the government to take less out of their paychecks in taxes. Representative James Longley, a freshman Republican from Maine, made exactly that argument on ABC's "Nightline" last week. His defense of the Republicans' tax cut rested entirely on thetoric that the AFL-CIO might use about the need for government to help ease the

pressures on average workers.

ment. By correctly highlighting the problems faced by workers whose incomes are dropping, he ignored all those parts of the Republican tax proposal that confer new benefits on the well-to-do. A tax cut confined to those Mr. Longley mentioned would be a lot smaller than the one Congress passed.

Moreover, the Republicans cannot claim that their central purpose is to balance the budget in seven years if they simultaneously insist on cutting mment revenues by more than \$200 billion in the same period. If the Republicans took tax cuts off the table, the budget problem would be much easier to solve.

But both Mr. Longley and Mr. Sweeney point to the right underlying question: What needs to be argued about is whether the shape of the whole tax system is wrong, given that so many families are not getting the raise they would have a right to expect from economic growth. If the benefits of growth are more concentrated at the top than they used to be, then the share of taxes paid by those in the middle and the bottom probably should go down.

There are a lot of ways to do this

gressive; by moving away from regressive payroll taxes, and by closing loopholes that both distort the market and reward comparatively few taxpayers.

The point here is not massive income redistribution, but precisely the opposite: to prevent a redistribution that further shrinks the middle class. Proposing a mix of tax increases and tax cuts is a lot more complicated than an argument in Mr. Longley had a point, but there which the alternatives are: Yes, cut were two problems with his argu-



Four trillion and seven hundred billion dollars ago.'

more complicated argument does justice both to deficit reduction and to the legitimate claim of millions of Americans for some financial relief.

The point on both health care and

taxes is that no matter how this year's budget fight comes out, it will without cutting government revenues and expanding the deficit for example, by readjusting the tax rates to make the code slightly more prono more resolve the big issues than ton budget of 1993 or the Bush content that creates the demand for deficit reduction also makes it harder to sell deficit reduction. That is because the discontent is not rooted in abstract budget numbers. It grows out of real worries about incomes, living standards and health costs.

If the deficit debate evades those worries, no amount of negotiating or posturing will create popular support for an honest plan to reduce the red ink. We will just keep having this ugly fight again and again and again. The Washington Post.

WASHINGTON — You're in command of a cruiser, steermg a sinuous course to avoid marauding enemy submarines. Suddealy your port lookout spots a telltale trail of foam about 200 yards away and coming fast. "Torpedo off the port bow!" be

calls out. Instead of yelling "Yaaah! Left hard rudder!" and exposing your-

MEANWHILE

self as a demanding, inconsiderate tyrant, why not take a more considered approach? Learn from the Navy Depart-

ment's manual "Managing Fear in the Workplace." "It is common to shoot from the

hip and react to what the employee is saying," the manual says. leader who manages fear effectively is patient and understand-ing." Furthermore, "Managers should not kill the messengers; better yet, messengers should be rewarded."

So instead of acting hastily, you walk to the port wing, greet Seaman Jones with a hearty "Howsa family, kid?" and thank him for his vigilance: "Good work! Here's a Tootsie Roll."

Then it's back to the manual: "Leaders must respond to employ-ees' concerns and ideas quickly," it says. "A quick response is the best incentive to keeping people

communicating their concerns. It is also the best way to stay alive, so go for it: "Yaaah! Left hard rudder!" you scream, confident now that you have made the correct decision while also cre-

ating trust among employees.
According to Linda Doherty, director of the navy's Total Quality

By Guy Gugliotta

How the Navy Fights Sinking Feelings

Leadership. Office, "Managing Fear" is one of the office's enduring favorites. She cautions, however, that it is not designed for captains in combat.

When there are missiles incoming, there's not a lot of conversation," she said.

"Managing Fear" helps the navy with today's less romantic tasks: closing bases, mothballing ships, cutting personnel and dealing with thousands of frightened, soon to be out of work employees. The idea is to apply "Total Quality Management" or TQM - to naval bureaucracy, except that naval officers lead,

rather than manage. Leadership, Ms. Doherty said, management with an inspirational element, something in short supply these days.

TQM embraces the business-speak so popular with Vice Pres-ident Al Gore; the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, and other hip, modern leaders in Washington. TOM is "re-engineering," "downsizing." "implementation," "partnering" and "mission

Ms. Doberty acknowledged that much of it is common sense

dressed in exotic language. "In fear-based management cultures, people tend to focus on eliminating the threat," "Managing Fear" says. On the shop floor, they call this "my way or the

highway."
Ms. Doherty recommends thinking about the job. When an airplane comes in for an overhaul, instead of "different departments becoming involved along an assembly line," set up a team to do all the jobs. Everybody works together, regardless of department. seniority or rank.

This cuts paperwork, avoids repetition and saves time and money. TQM measures - in dollars or hours — savings from innovative methods, Ms. Doherty said, and

"Managing Fear" is popular, she said, in part because of base

"Management should take the lead in speaking up about fear," the manual says. It's better to say: "We're closing down in six months, and I'm interviewing at K mart for a cashier's job" than "No sweat, we'll all get hired by the civilian contractor when they take over," which you know is a crock.

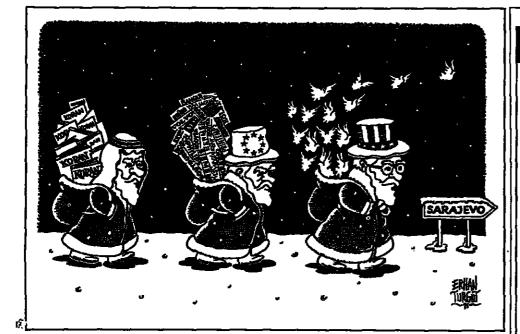
Although "Managing Fear" may not be useful in combat, Ms. Doherty said the fleet can use it in routine tasks "like getting under way" — the all-hands job of unmooring, making steam, saluting the admiral and navigating a nar-

row channel to open sea.
"Excuse me, Chief," says Seaman Jones. "Don't you think you were a little short with Seaman Smith when he dropped the mooring line over the side a

moment ago?"
"SHORT??? That little (expletive) is lucky I didn't strap him to the (expletive) windlass and throw the (expletive) switch!"

Wait a minute, Chief. Better look at "Some Attributes of a Leader'' in "Managing Fear." Be 'a coach and counsel, not a judge." Also, a leader "does not expect perfection.

And clean up your act. The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Workers' Concerns

Regarding "U.S.-British Capitalism or Europe's Model of Social Capitalism?" (Opin-ion, Dec. 15) by William Pfaff: The writer asserts that Amer-

ican living standards have fallen since 1980. In fact, data on real hourly compensation per worker, which includes the nonwage portion of payrolls, show that private industry employees are now paid more than at any time in the post-World War II period, although reported real compensation gains have been relatively slow since the mid-1970s.

Most economists now agree that part of the apparent stagnation in compensation is measurement error in the index used to account for inflation. Broader measures of living standards, such as gross domestic product per capita, have continued to show strong improvements. Also, data on consumption show stronger growth than do compensation

or income data. While some Americans are Calling behind, the Department of Labor's recent "Report on the American Workforce" illustrates that three-fourths of the vaunted decline in the middie class resulted from families' moving into the upper class between 1969 and 1993.

That Mr. Pfaff believes the pay of 434 executives somehow proves any point is disappointing. There are important public policy issues that need to be addressed as inequality grows in America. They have little or nothing to do with executive compensation. however high it may seem to the rest of us.

KENNETH L. DEAVERS, Washington,

The writer is chief economist of the Employment Policy As-

I found Mr. Pfaff's article and Russell Baker's "Downsizing the Dow" (Leisure, Dec.

15) refreshingly honest.
The dirty secret: The princinal beneficiaries of modern chitalism are bloated corporations and overpaid CEOs. The Chiapas rebellion, the French strike and similar displays of angst are reactions against the direction that the world is head-

ing. The security of normal people everywhere is eroding now that Hollywood and Wall Street have taken over even Sweden.

Having lived in different parts of Europe, the last thing I want to see my country export is its economic philosophy. Americans have been living with much less social security for many years, yet a strike similar to the recent one in France would be unthinkable in the United States. It would be too "subversive." Simply put, American workers are expected to be docile suckers.

SVEND A. WHITE.

Regarding "Woe to the Unreformed Welfare States" (Opinion, Dec. 19) by George

The recent strikes in France, Mr. Will would have us believe, are a stark warning to those who still think that govenument has anything but a distant mediating role to play in the world economy.

Using ridiculous hyperbole, he asserts that the welfare state has brought the French back to the "war of all against all" that Thomas Hobbes saw as the human condition before the institution of government.

Mr. Will fails to mention that

the strikers in France received very substantial popular support, even after weeks of strikerelated hardship. He also fails to mention the hundreds of thousands of students who demonstrated.

Persistent, massive unemployment is the big divider and cause of anxiety in French society. This is just as true for those who have not yet entered the labor market. They are afraid of conscription into the A Cigar Wrap-Up reserve army of skilled workers" that Mr. Will apparently

finds so salutary.

GEOFF MANSFIELD. Hong Kong.

Regarding "What Happens if There Isn't Any Work?"

(Opinion, Nov. 29): Richard Reeves writes of the growing disparity between the incomes of the rich and the poor, the CEOs, lawyers, doctors and brokers and the work-

We also see the phenomenon of social services under the ax everywhere, because govern-

ments no longer can afford them. We have seen socialism go down in flames. The cynical and corrupt men and women who learn to profit from any system dominated and helped run it into the ground. Are those who are presently eliminating the American social safety net for their own gain any better than the nomenklatura?

As the American working class is shunted aside and American jobs channeled to societies with low wages and no environmental or worker-protection laws, as corporations worry only about shareholders and not the public at large, we are setting the stage for another workers' revolution.

MARY P. LECHEVALIER. Morrisville, Vermont,

Mexican Risk

Regarding "The Plot of This Mexican Thriller Is Simpler Than May Appear" (Opinion, Dec. 18) by Thomas Fried-

The most important point of Mr. Friedman's opera buffa is that "this drama is only unfolding on America's doorstep." What the United States does to decrease its con-sumption of illegal drugs and help Mexico eliminate the Mexican narco-lords will decide Mexico's future.

Until then, President Ernesto Zedillo is better off hidden in his office with his calculator" rather than out with his people, as the writer Carlos Fuentes suggests. Cal-culators can't put three bullets in his bead.

STANLEY A. WEISS. Phuket, Thailand.

Regarding "Labor of Love and Profit Little Havana Cigars" (Leisure, Nov. 25): As a cigar aficionado, I took great offense at the writer's assertion that the Torpedo is "considered by connoisseurs to be among the best, if not the

best cigar in the world." This ignores the simple fact that only handmade Havana cigars are worth smoking. All other brands made anywhere outside of Cuba pale by comi-

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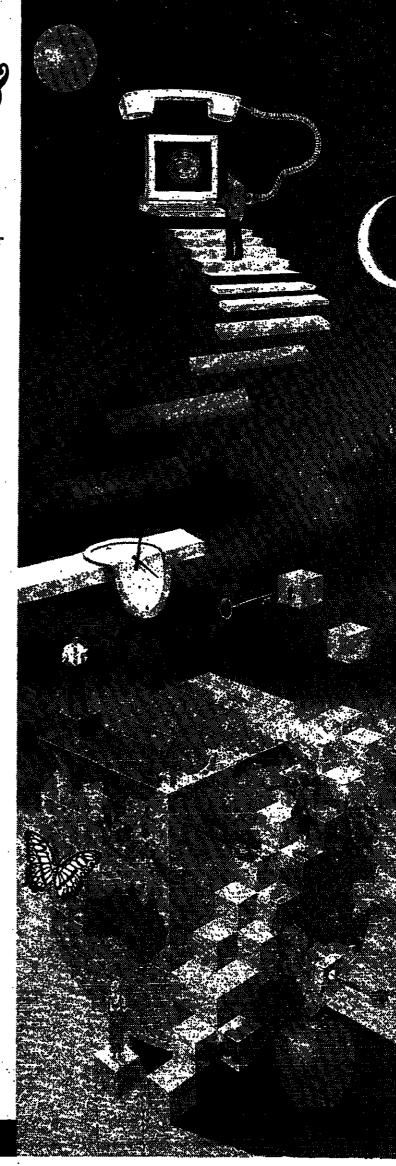
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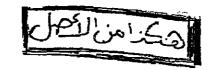
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By Dimitri Ehrlich

EW YORK - About a year ago, two middle-aged Englishmen were havnext venture should be. One was interested in exploring interactive computer technology; the other preferred to stick to more familiar terrain.

The two are founding partners in an organization that has over 30 years earned hundreds of millions of dollars. Their names are Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, lead singer and guitarist, respectively, of the Rolling Stones. Their business is rock 'n' roll, and they have succeeded in creating, and marketing, it with unrivaled longevity.

Last year the Stones completed a world tour that set records for earnings, bringing in more than \$300 million. Now the band has simultaneously plunged forward into cyberspace and backward into their musical pas

With the recent release of the "Voodoo Lounge CD-ROM" and the establishment of a World Wide Web site (http://www.stonesworld.com), the Rolling Stones dove headfirst into the realm of electronic media.

The band also took a long glance back with the release of "Stripped," a mainly acoustic album recorded during rehearsals and a few live performances from last year's tour.

"The intention was always that this was going to be an unpolished thing," Jagger said of "Stripped," "and not a great new studio thing, nor another album of stadium rock favorites, because we'd done that, so why do it

Several false starts and untidy bits of background noise have been kept in, to preserve the album's intimacy and informality.

The idea for "Stripped" came to Richards while he was listening to tape recordings of the Rolling Stones's rehearsals for the Voodoo Lounge tour. "We were trying to decide what kind of live album to do," he said. "And someone said the magic word: 'acoustic.' Which, to me, doesn't necessarily mean the instrument is made by Stradivarius. It means a certain kind of feel.

Indeed, "Stripped" is all about feel. Jagger's voice has lost some of its pliancy, but his appeal as a singer has always had more to do with the charming, sneering attitude of his vocalizing than with any technical prowess.

What the Stones have done on "Stripped," in addition to remaking blues classics that have long been part of their live act, is to mine their own work for an album of loose, mellow renditions that showcase their quiet mastery as the Rolling Stones," Richards said.

Six of the 14 tracks on "Stripped" are ballads, and the sped-up pace that has marred Interview m some past live albums is slowed. On love York Times.

songs like Richards's solo tune "Slippin" Away" and the perennial prom favorite 'Angie," the band sounds more comfortable playing with restraint than ever before.

We're still learning about tempo," said ing a discussion about what their Richards. "It's all live and learn. We're on the edge. We could fall over at any minute.

The Rolling Stones are often criticized for being past their prime, but the reason has little to do with the group's musicianship. The perception among critics is that Jagger and Richards are no longer able to write with the same degree of inspiration that produced their classic work and have essentially been re-

hashing the same material for years.

Perhaps, with the release of the CD-ROM. the Stones were seeking to imbue their image with a renewed sense of hipness. But with features like biographical sketches of the blues musicians who influenced the group, the CD-ROM ends up emphasizing the arcane.

Jagger and Richards, who have known each other since childhood, have come to embody opposite aspects of the Rolling Stones's persona. Once a student at the London School of Economics, Jagger has long been computer literate and was deeply involved in the planning and execution of the CD-ROM.

During a recent interview at a New York City hotel, Jagger, dressed in a tweed jacket sipping tea, appeared more like an exhausted college professor than the man whose name has become synonymous with rock

ICHARDS, on the other hand, would not easily be mistaken for an academic. A week later, decamped at another Manhattan hotel, Richards drank vodka and cranberry juice and smoked

Although Richards was initially less enthusiastic than Jagger about the CD-ROM project, "Stripped" was clearly a unified effort. In addition to the striking level of musical chemistry at work on it, there is a sense of vulnerability and tenderness in the songs that only the most amateur or the most confident players can afford to display.

The appeal of the Rolling Stones has always owed much to the balance between cleverness and soulfulness, between Jagger's craftsmanship and Richards's instincts. That balancing act has allowed them to make music for the masses that has also had critical credibility.

Because these elements of intellect and instinct have remained in flux, the band's sound The Rolling Stones are always looking for

Dimitri Ehrlich, a contributing editor at Interview magazine, wrote this for The New



Adrian Lester as Bobby in the Sam Mendes production of Stephen Sondheim's "Company" at the Donmar Warehouse.

Pulp Playwrights and Poker: '95 on Stage

By Sheridan Morley ttional Herald Tribun

ONDON - So what kind of a year have we had in the London eater? Violent for a start: The most influential director around has been neither Sam Mendes nor Stephen Daldry but Quentin Tarantino, who without leaving California has managed to condition a whole generation of young British playwrights. It is hard to believe that without him we'd

have had "Mojo" or "Bruises" or "Blasted" or far and away the best of them all, "Gangster No. 1" by Louis Mellis and David Scinto, two young first-time dramatists who gave Peter Bowles the role of his career in a Soho shootout that I cannot believe will be much longer in transferring to the West End, and then I'd guess Hollywood, thus rounding the vicious circle that began there with Tarantino himself.

Two of these plays ("Bruises" and 'Blasted'') were the work of women, but elsewhere it has been a blokish sort of a year with at least two plays ("Deal-er's Choice" and "According to Hoyle") entirely set around poker tables, and many others devoted to the joys of bashing the living daylights out

of your nearest and dearest. When Timberlake Wertenbaker tried

for a more elegant and, some would say, feminist social debate about the price of arenthood versus the cost of careers ("The Break of Day"), she was rapidly dismissed by critics, leaving the field to such male counterparts as David Edgar ("Pentecost," dealing with art versus communism) and Ronald Harwood ("Taking Sides," art versus the Nazis and then the Americans in 1945 Berlin).

Tom Stoppard's lyrical farewell to the Raj, "Indian Ink," was much under-rated while "Steward of Christendom,"

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despite Donal McCann's brilliant performance, struck me as a character in search of a play. Michael Frayn also came up with a new play, "Now You Know," vastly more intelligent than my colleagues would allow, though if I had to choose a single script of the year it would undoubtedly be David Hare's heartbreaking love story "Skylight."

Musicals were in unusually bad shape. So, as usual in times of crisis in the pit, it was back to Sondheim whose "A Little Night Music" at the National gave us a new group of Supremes (Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips), while his "Company" came into the Warehouse at Christmas to prove itself the revival of the year.

Gay theater had a good year, with new plays by Jonathan Harvey wherever you looked and David Greer's "Burning Among the women were Maggie Blue" which faltered at the Haymarket but triumphed in smaller venues as a homosexual rethink of "A Few Good Men" or "Caine Mutiny" for the '90s. The National continued to triumph under Richard Eyre, who perhaps an-nounced his 1997 departure rather too early, thereby creating a needless vacuum of almost two years; but the RSC under Adrian Noble seemed to be in continuing midlife crisis, with a catastrophic decision to pull back from the arbican for half of every year.

Villain of the year was, as usual, John Major's government, which persisted in clawing back from the arts whatever the lottery had bestowed on them, so that we are now in the ludicrous position of having millions of pounds floating around for capital projects that nobody really wants to build, and less money than ever for the companies which will have to inhabit them.

"Skylight," Daniel Massey as a haunting, haunted Furtwängler, Simon Rus- will be just and sell Beale as Stoppard's Guildenstern Broadway map. and Johnson's Mosca, and Terry Johnson was undoubtedly the director- Year.

Among the women were Maggie Smith back by popular demand in "Three Tall Women," Zoe Wanamaker definitive as the mother in Tennessee Williams's 'The Glass Menagerie,' Maria Friedman in a sturming solo concert at the Whitehall, Fiona Shaw and Geraldine McEwan in "Way of the World" while Shaw went on alone to a memorable "Richard II," Diana Rigg as "Mother Courage," Sheila Gish in "Company," Dench in "Absolute Hell," all as close to perfect as makes no

N unusual number of theater companies are now on the move because of restructuring at home base, not least the Royal Court, which will occupy the Ambassadors and the Duke of York's for the whole of '96; but we still have a realestate situation around the West End where not nearly enough theaters are Performances of the year included the owned by producing managements, and aforementioned McCann and Bowles, unless we start paying some attention to the great Gambon in "Volpone" and the state of our commercial rather than subsidized theater, Shaftesbury Avenue will be just another outpost on the

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young lovers kiss; everything is ceding farther with each new Collins in the 1960s and Vic- Japanese relations ("Tokyo songs, Parks has pared away his bathed in a Technicolor golden dose of reality. But the longing toria Williams in the 1990s. Rose," 1989) and Br'er Rabbit fondness for tangents or hidden glow. remains, and it is the essence of But he has also released five tales ("Jump!," 1984). them in lush harmonies. Brian Wilson and Van Dyke Parks's new album "Orange

Wilson, 53, shaped the modem California mythos as the long-shot songwriter and voice of the Beach Boys. Although his own psyche was deeply troubled, his Herald Eribune songs were a vision of sungirls and good vibrations, with THE WORLD'S DAILY NEWSPAPER

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pealing guitar chords and cas-cades of vocal harmony. Parks, 52, is best known for writing the lyrics of the Beach 'Heroes and Villains' and "Surf's Up." The songs were to have been part of 'Smile," the Beach Boys album Wilson partly destroyed in a fit of paranoia after a mys-

terious studio fire in 1967. He has had sundry film-scoring jobs, like the arrangements allusions to a broad sweep of eye," and has turned up as a were nearly as elaborate, exmusician and arranger for Judy ploring themes like American-

ambitious, elaborate albums of

his own, having been kept on through the years by Warner Brothers Records despite his prospects. ("Orange Crate Art' may conclude that association; Parks's longtime producer, Leonard Waronker, was swept pleasure, of California one of those who left Warner Brothers this year in the label's corporate shake-up.)

Parks has been pop's answer to Charles Ives, adapting and layering idioms from parlor songs to calypso to gospel and sending them through chromatic labyrinths.

During the psychedelic late 1960s, Parks's debut album, 'Song Cycle." used an orchestra to accompany songs that were full of Joycean puns and Robert Altman's "Pop- U.S. history. Its successors

ly Parks's album. He produced one of the 12 tracks, building them around Wilson's voice. UT Wilson transforms

Parks's songs (on Parks's previous albums, he has been an unprepossessing singer). Wilson's voice is itself a piece of Americana. Its timbre carries most pop listeners back to his Beach Boys hits, and Parks indulges his love of chromaticism by stacking up vocal harmonies that ooh and ah like the creamiest Beach Boys arrangements. "Sail Away," about setting off for the Caribbean, can't help evoking the Beach Boys'

Sloop John B." The songs move at a midtempo lilt, with tinkling glockenspiels and strummed acoustic guitars, like a gentle California Beach Boys albums, the songs also come complete with the occasional low hoot of a bass harmonica. In relaxed, tuneful And like the labels on fruit

crates, which show sundrenched fields of abundance, the songs on "Orange Crate Art" present a California free of poverty or tensions.

The Beach Boys' "Pet Sounds," Parks's "Song Cy-cle" and the remnants of the "Smile" collaboration sound anxious and hallucinatory compared with the cozy songs on Orange Crate Art.

Now, youthful agitation has given way to codgers' comforts. Wilson sings about young love and remembered paradises from the vine of a vintage cru," as the title song says, although that song does mention in passing "grapes of wrath" and bracero farm workers.

Other songs reminisce about childhood summers in Monterey, a fling in San Francisco of the Gold Rush and dates at the movies somewhere near calliope. Echoing mid-1960s Sacramento. There are also love songs without geographical markers but no less idyllic.

The tone is autumnal, always conscious of time passing and



Van Dyke Parks, left, and Brian Wilson turn nostalgic.

fantasies crumbling. One song is called "Hold Back Time," Boys summers. But on the lead while in "My Jeanine," the vocals, although Wilson's tone narrator recalls "Two bits for is still unmistakable, his voice Cokes and jokes at the diner/ Time was a magazine.

"Movies Is Magic," introduced by a "Gone With the Wind" fanfare, has the slowrolling groove of a doo-wop love song, but it declares that off screen, "Life is so tragic/ And as time goes flyin' by/You will often wonder why.

Intentionally or not, Wilson's lead vocals add intimations of mortality. The backup harmonies, supplied by session singers on four songs and by Wilson on the rest, are ethereal

is no longer the pure, bovish. effortless instrument that it once seemed to be.

On "Orange Craie Art," Wilson has to work to hit notes, and there are rough edges and slurred syllables, the inevitable

ravages of time.
Genial and wistful, "Orange Crate Art" is about the end of a few eras. It's affable, easygoing pop at a time when melodramse rules the charts.

It's a vision of a California that is unlikely to return, if it ever existed at all.

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U.S. Sidesteps NAFTA Provisions As Election Nears, Washington Is Leery of Mexico Trade

By Paul Blustein Washington Post Service

begum sidestepping key NAFTA provi-sions to avert some of the painful con-sequences of falling trade barriers in po-litically important states such as California, Texas and Florida.

The White House is heading into the hoped-for boom in U.S. exports because Mexico is stuck in a deep recession.

The clearest illustration of the administration's new tack came last week when U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and Transportation Secretary Federico officials are worried that NAFTA could F. Peña, citing highway safety concerns, emerge as a political liability in 1996. F. Peña, citing highway safety concerns, announced an indefinite delay in a NAF-TA provision that would have allowed Mexican trucks to start traveling freely throughout Southwestern border states in a few weeks. Mr. Kantor has also helped Florida tomato growers by tightening re-strictions on Mexican tomato imports. According to a number of trade spe-

cialists, the actions show how eager the administration is to reduce NAFTA's unpleasant political fallout — even by circumventing rules of an accord President Bill Clinton championed.

These specialists say the moves could eventually hurt America's overall eco- NAFTA has been unfairly blamed for Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — For two years, since the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect, the White House has proclaimed that free trade between the United States and Mexico is an unqualified success.

But in recent weeks, U.S. officials have begun sidestepping key NAFTA provisions to avert some of the rainful consults. The work of the rainful consults are constituted as a service of the same, and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly add 200,000 new U.S. jobs has proven exceedingly optimistic. Mr. Kantor and other white House officials often say that the same, are the work of the same, and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly add 200,000 new U.S. jobs has proven exceedingly optimistic. Mr. Kantor and other trading partners excuses to do the same, and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly add 200,000 new U.S. jobs has proven exceedingly optimistic. Mr. Kantor and other trading partners excuses to do the same, and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly on the Mexican side. "If we violate agree our trading partners excuses to do the same," and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would quickly on the Mexican side. "If we violate agree our trading partners excuses to do the same," and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would puckly on the Mexican side of these problems — they say the peso crisis and the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would puckly on the Mexican economic slump would have occurred anyway — Mr. Clinton's predictions that NAFTA would puckly any of the peso crisis and the Mexican economic slump would the Mexican economic slump would the said Greg Mastel, a trade specialist at the Economic Strategy Institute. Mr. Kantor, who served as Mr. Clin-

ton's campaign chairman in 1992, said he was motivated purely by public-spirited considerations in his dealings on the 1996 election feeling vulnerable on NAF-TA, which has failed to produce the trucking issue and other disagreements with Mexico. "This has nothing to do with politics," he said. "The larger your trading relationship, the more trade disputes you have. That is natural and normal." But Mr. Kantor and other White House

The peso crisis last winter sent the Mexican economy reeling, causing U.S.

the underwear maker Fruit of the Loom Inc. The company's chairman, William F. Farley, had supported NAFTA as a potential spur to exports. But two months ago, Fruit of the Loom said it would lay off about 3,200 workers at eight plants in the Southeastern United States.

While economists generally agree that

on figures that include exports to Canada.
One of the more respected calculations,
by Raul Hinojosa of the University of California at Los Angeles, shows that American jobs lost this year because of U.S.-Mexico trade - about 150,000 roughly canceled out the jobs gained in 1994 — about 170,000.

It cannot be said that Ross Perot's forecast of American factory jobs disappearing in a "giant sucking sound" has proven correct. On the contrary, about 300,000 more Americans are employed in manufacturing today than in January 1994, when NAFTA took effect.

But White House officials are worried exports to Mexico to fall by nearly 10 nonetheless. One official, bemoaning percent this year and turning the U.S. how effectively the Republican presidentrade surplus with Mexico into a deficit. Some job losses have occurred, notably at icizing NAFTA, added, "Buchanan may not be a serious presidential threat, but he sure as hell is going to be loud through the next few months." It was against this backdrop that the White House weighed the prospect of Mexican trucks being al-

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German Unions Offer Flexibility To Aid Economy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches unions are showing signs of flexibility by proposing steps aimed social benefits.

many's largest union, the IG country's efforts to become Metall metalworkers union, sug-gested during the weekend that 80,000 new jobs could be created if employers compensated overtime hours with free time rather than pay.

The German jobless rate hit from 9.2 percent in October. Noting that Germans worked about 250 million extra hours in 1995. Mr. Zwickel said that this would translate into 150,000 jobs and thus could spur job creation without expanding production.

Mr. Zwickel's suggestion follows his so-called Alliance for Jobs plan, where workers would agree to forgo real pay rises in 1997 in return for the government promise not to cut

Metal-industry employers and the union plan to discuss the proposal on Jan. 8, but the white-collar union, DAG, on Tuesday proposed to put the formula into practice this year.

Roland Issen, the DAG chief, mitments on jobs creation. In return for employers' firm

commitments on securing jobs, the DAG union would be willing to absorb some costs involved in such steps by accepting a lower wage increases. Mr.

Mr. Issen added that job flexibility could also be useful in

flexibility could also help drive FRANKFURT - German down the country's high un-

But union leaders also warned at lowering the country's stub-bomly high unemployment rate. tempts to curb social benefits but they vowed not to budge on during upcoming wage rounds. ocial benefits.

"Germany's social benefits

Klaus Zwickel, head of Gershould not fall victim to the

more efficient." Mr. Issen said. The Alliance for Jobs program was proposed to begin with the 1997 wage round.

Policymakers have also largely agreed that 1995's high wage agreements, with raises 9.3 percent in November, rising averaging around 4 percent, helped keep unemployment rates high.

The powerful German unions are aiming at forcing companies to drop overtime work to give workers more free time, their main representative, Dieter Schulte, said Monday.

Mr. Schulte, president of the Confederation of German Unions, told correspondents that if the present amount of overtime worked were to be cut creation of 300,000 jobs and a in half, that would make it possible to create 800,000 jobs. His confederation groups 16 unions and had 9.8 million members at the end of last year.

(Reuters, AFX, AFP) ■ VAT Increase Urged

The head of the German govemment's economic advisory panel, Herbert Hax, has proposed that the German valueadded tax rate, the lowest in Europe, should be increased, Agence France-Presse reported. The current ordinary rate is

In an article that is to be published on Wednesday in the Bild newspaper, Mr. Hax said that higher VAT would be acceptable only if the receipts were reserved for financing "a reform of business taxation, which has long been obsolete." He added that greater job

Labor Chief: Nothing Secedes Like Excess

By Frank Swoboda Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - As Labor Department secretary and a chronicler of modern economic history, Robert B. Reich says he is concerned about the future role of U.S. college graduates. He fears they will be tempted to join what he sees as the growing ranks of an isolated economic elite. His message to University of Maryland

graduates last week at a commencement was The divide between America's haves

dividual is likely to reside.

the top 20 percent of nation's wage earners
— those making more than \$80,000 a year
— prosper, Mr. Reich said that the top

making momentum and it threatens our nation's prosperity and its stability."

Mr. Reich said: "With the degree you economic class was beginning to withdraw

from the rest of society — living in enclosed and have-nots is growing and education is parks outside the nation's cities. They are divided between winners and losers."

becoming the major factor determining on resisting efforts to spread their taxes outside suggested the union would be which side of the economic tracks an intheir own communities, he charged: "It willing to scale back wage demay not be a conscious secession. The mands in return for firm com-Painting a bleak picture of U.S. workers succession of the successful America has falling steadily behind economically while been unplanned and undeclared. But it is

will soon receive, many of you have been from public society. He said the richest handed a ticket to secede, if you wish to. Americans were walling themselves off But let me urge you to resist. Not because commencement speakers are obligated to suburban communities, shopping in secure offer lofty sentiments. But because you suburban malls and working in industrial will not want to live in a society sharply

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Boom Times for Phone Lines |

By Mark Landler New York Times Service

TEW YORK -- For Guy Phillips, life with a single telephone line finally became untenable eight months ago. Mr. Phillips, the bost of a radio talk show in St. Louis, said he could no longer char on the phone at home without constant being interrupted by calls for his wife or three children - not to mention the two hours a day he was tying up the line himself by sending and

receiving electronic mail. So the Phillipses did what nearly 7 million other American families have done this year:

They had additional lines installed.
"Without the lines that I have now, I would feel as though I was back in the Dark Ages," Mr. Phillips said by telephone over one of the three lines in his house.

In the biggest single-year increase in new residential phone lines in the United States since the end of World War II, the percentage of households with more than one line has several long-smoldering information-age forces have ignited into a social phenomenon.

Three decades ago, it was the two-car garage. This year, the two-phone-line house-hold became commonplace as facsimile machines, home offices and computer modems have proliferated. Indeed, much of the fuss surrounding the

will govern the competition for putting more lines into American homes. "It's an absolute explosion," said Fred

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Voit, a telecommunications analyst at Yankee Group, a market-research concern in Boston He predicted that by 2000, as many as half of America's 97 million households would have two or more phone lines.

The Phillipses decided on three so that one could be set aside for Mr. Phillips's computer, on which he spends two hours a night browsing through tips from other radio talk-show hosts that are distributed on a data service called Radio Online. One line is shared by their children, and the third is open for household calls or for Mr. Phillips's wife to check in on the medical-supply company she runs.

For some homes, even three lines is not enough. Consider Joe Wilson, national sales manager of Cabot Safety Corp. When he is not out making sales calls, he says, he spends most of his time at his personal computer, sending or receiving electronic mail and faxes between the company's headquarters in Massachusetts and his home in Illinois. When the Wilsons moved into their new

house, they ordered four lines from their phone nearly doubled this year, to 16 percent, as company, Ameritech Corp.: one for personal calls, one for business calls, one for the family's on-line services and one for Mr. Wilson's faxes and electronic mail.

Ownership of an extra telephone line naturally is skewed toward affluent families. The average 1995 income of multiple-phone-line households is estimated at \$62,000 by IDC/ Indeed, much of the fuss surrounding the Link Resources, a market-research company in overhaul of telecommunications laws that is still tied up in Congress concerns the rules that \$45,000 for all homes with phones. Unless a phone company offers a promo-

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GE Capital **Buys Insurer** From Aon

Compared by Our Staff From Desputches
STAMFORD, Connecticut General Electric Capital Corp., in its latest move to increase its life insurance business, agreed to buy Aon Corp.'s Life Insurance Co. of Virginia unit for \$960 million in cash.

The acquisition would add about \$9 billion in assets to GE Capital's GNA Corp. insurance subsidiary, bringing its total assets to \$30 billion.

The sale comes as Chicagobased Aon focuses on more profitable businesses, such as insurance consulting. As part of that strategy, Aon said last month it would sell its Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co. to GE Capital for about \$400 mil-

lion in cash.
The latest acquisition "is key to GNA's corporate strategy to help people build, protect and transfer wealth," said Patrick Welch, GNA's president.

The Virginia unit sells annuities, a retirement investment plan, life insurance and guaranteed investment contracts, which guarantee a fixed return on a lump-sum investment.

The deal is expected to close

during the first half of 1996, subject to regulatory approvals. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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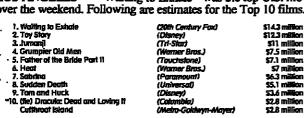
Very briefly:

- Pier 1 Imports Inc. said a financial consultant's "inappropriate trading activities" caused it to record a \$20 million pretax loss. The company did not specify when the trading occurred or in which quarter the loss would be taken, but it said the loss would "not materially affect liquidity or the company's operations."
- AT&T Corp. agreed to sell its Chicago headquarters building and a connecting building, the USG Tower, to a Singapore pension fund. AT&T declined to confirm the price, but a person familiar with the transaction put it at about \$540 million.
- · Petróleos Mexicanos said revenue from domestic fuel sales in 1995 would be 113.7 billion pesos (\$15.02 billion). The state-owned oil company did not provide figures for the like period last year.
- Nucor Corp. raised the price of hot rolled steel from its Crawfordsville, Indiana, mill by \$10 a ton, saying that demand had strengthened. Analysts said the move, which followed recent price cuts by Nucor on cold rolled steel, could signal a reversal of the price-cutting pressure in the industry.
- The Federal Open Market Committee voted 10 to 1 last month to keep monetary policy unchanged, but members were divided over how long the moderate pace of economic growth would continue, according to minutes of the Nov. 15 meeting. The committee meets each month to review interest rates; minutes are AP, AFX, Bloomberg, Reusers

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "Waiting to Exhale" was the top U.S. movie over the weekend. Following are estimates for the Top 10 films.



A Tough Sell for Kmart's New Chief Telephone Issues

By Jennifer Steinhauer New York Times Service

TROY, Michigan - What is the toughest American retailing? Selling himself, it

Floyd Hall, who was installed in June as chief executive of the embattled Kmart Corp., has had anything but a honeymoon on Wall Street. Analysts wonder how committed he can be to his job if he refuses to put down roots in Michigan, where Kmart is based, and jets off instead to Montclair, New

Jersey, on weekends to be with his family. They also question his judgment in taking a nine-day junket with other retail executives this fall through the Far East, Cuba and Russia while things at Kmart were falling

Still others worry that he is a bit of a soft touch.

"He has a sort of avuncular nature," said Barry Bryant, the senior director of equity research at Rodman & Renshaw in New York. "But you wish he projected something tougher.

More fundamentally, Wall Street critics complain that Mr. Hall has failed to articulate a convincing strategy for turning around the discount chain that captured the hearts of American shoppers with its low prices and folksy style long before Wal-Mart Stores Inc. bulldozed its way across the country - and created the entire discount store world's greatest headache.

specific demographic group — young mothers. He is implementing it at about two dozen test sites across the United States, and it seems to be working: Sales and profit margins at those stores are up strongly, he said. So why hasn't be gotten the message across to investors? "I didn't spell this out for analysts because at the time we were trying to get to the second level of test ' he said. "While you want to

NEW YORK - The dollar slid against

most major currencies Tuesday, as traders

awaited the resumption of budgets talks

Wednesday between Congressional staff

Traders said they expected little real

movement by the dollar before the next

meeting on Friday between President Bill

Clinton and Republican Congressmen. Trad-

ing was light as most European markets

don out," said Karl Halligan, currency trader at CIC Bank New York. "The main

kernel is still progress on the U.S. budget.

As long as there is decent news, the dollar will hang in. I think by the end of the week

it will look positive," he said.

"It's very quiet with Germany and Lon-

were closed for the Christmas weekend.

White House officials.

Mr. Hall said he thinks he can prove them

all wrong. He does have a strategy, a very

detailed one, he says. It is geared to a very

task before the man with the toughest job in look good on paper. From the mid-1970s until the early 1980s, he ran B. Dalton Booksellers. Then he moved on to Target, where he was chief executive from 1981 until 1984. Later he was credited with turning around the Grand Union super-

market chain But in the Darwinian struggle for survival that American retailing has become, Kmart is grappling with such deep-rooted problems that it could become only the most recent in a succession of stores that the United States has decided it can live without.

For 11 consecutive quarters it has posted disappointing earnings. In the fiscal year ended last Jan. 25, Kmart swung into a modest profit of \$296 million, on sales of \$34 billion, from a loss of \$974 million, on sales of \$36.7 billion, the previous year. But it has lost a total of \$151 million in the first

three quarters of the current fiscal year. The only way Kmart has been able to get sales up has been to cut prices so low that its margins are squeezed to near zero.

The reason for its distress, most people agree, is the sorry state of many of its 2,200 stores: At least 500 of them are aging, beatup buildings in undesirable locations, full of dated merchandise and beset by poor

All the while, giant Wal-Mart and fastexpanding Target, a unit of Dayton Hudson Corp., are luring Kmart's customers away with bigger, brighter, cleaner and betterstocked stores. Unlike Kmart, both rivals enjoy sophisticated inventory technology and, unlike Kmart, Wal-Mart has the clout to force suppliers to lower prices. Kmart also suffers from a corporate bureaucracy that is as dated and inflexible as it is

As a result, the stock has taken an unrelenting beating, and even value investors who place their money in pummeled stocks be candid and honest, it doesn't mean you New York Stock Exchange trading late term strategy will be for wooing shoppers.

Dollar Slips as Market Awaits Budget Talks

The dollar slipped to 1.4305 Deutsche marks from 1.4376, but it rose to 102.330

yen from 102.295. The dollar fell to 4.9092

French francs from 4.9195, and to 1.1540

Swiss francs from 1.1573. The pound rose to

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

ers of Congress are trying to agree on a plan

to balance the budget within in seven years.

Their dispute over how to do that has led to

a partial shutdown of the government, the

With public opinion polls showing that

Mr. Clinton and Republican lead

\$1.5600 from \$1.5430.

second in two months.

Bond-rating agencies have downgraded its bonds or threatened to do so. And factors - companies that insure payments of goods shipped by suppliers - have increased their premiums on shipments, in some cases by as much as 50 percent.

Mr. Hall inherited this mess from Joseph Antonini, who was forced from the chief executive's job in March. Mr. Antonini fended off shareholder revolts for months, in part by the force of his confident, even blustery, public persona.

Mr. Hall, by contrast, is publicity-shy and given to mumbling and obfuscation in dealing with Wall Street. But past successes suggest that if anybody can salvage Kmart, he is probably the man.

Consider what he accomplished at Grand Union, the battered grocery chain that he took over in 1984 just after it closed 400 stores and lost \$115 million. By spiffing up its inventory and setting its finances in order, he was able to steer the company into the black within four years. After that, in the mid-1980s, he organized the startup of The Museum Co., a successful specialty

store that sells museum reproductions.
"If Kmart is to survive," said Ronald Lunde, the former vice president of mer-chandising for Grand Union, "they picked absolutely the perfect guy to effect the mmaround

So far, Mr. Hall is showing himself to be adept at maneuvering Kmart out of tight corners. Last week his management team negotiated a delay in a \$548 million bond payment that, had it been called, would almost surely have sunk the company. The agreement came after lengthy negotiations 32% and Silicon Graphics fell ½ and cost Kmart a fourth-quarter charge against earnings of \$70 million to \$100 million And after months without a chief financial officer or a chief of merchandising, Mr. Hall has finally filled both jobs.

But those were short-term, tactical moves. have unloaded Kmart in recent months. In The big question is what Mr. Hall's long-

Khan, currency trader at Bank of Tokyo in

New York. Mr. Clinton seeks smaller cuts

wrangling over cutting it deters foreign investors from buying U.S. assets, traders

The budget deficit and the political

But Mr. Khan said foreign investors saw

in social spending than Republicans do.

U.S. stock and bond prices, he said.

have to give away all of your competitive advantage." Although he has failed to make a good impression on Wall Street. Mr. Hall does Monday, shares of Kmart were quoted at \$6.625, far below a 52-week high of \$16.25.

NEW YORK - Stocks advanced Tuesday, led by telephone issues and blue chips, on investors' expectations that earnings would rise and interest rates remain low.

Only 217 million shares changed hands on the Big Board as many investors extended the three-day Christmas

The Dow Jones industrial avrage gained 12.29 to close at

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 2.34, to 614.30, while the Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 2.47, to 1049.36. Advancing issues outpaced declining stocks on the Big Board by a 5-to-4 ratio.

and New Year's Day is historically a strong one for U.S. stocks, with share prices risingin 32 of the past 42 years.

A post-Christmas rally is tra-

ditionally fueled by end-of-theyear bonuses, contributions to individual retirement accounts and 401(k) retirement plans, and year-end portfolio rearrangements by money managers.

Repsol American depositary receipts and Silicon Graphics were among the most active Big

Telephone stocks surged after regional Bell companies fought off congressional limits on their ability to sell local and long-distance service simultaneously, while oil shares rallied as the price of Texas crude oil remained above \$19 a barrel.

"People are more bullish now than they have been in two years," about economic growth, low rates and the outlook for further stock-market gains, said Robert Dickey, managing director and market analyst at Dain Bosworth Inc. in Minneapolis.

Among the telecom gainers were three regional Bell compamies: Nynex rose 1% to 51%, Bell Atlantic rose 11/2 to 67 and US West Communications Group rose 11/2 to 35%.

an eventual settlement of the budget dispute as "a potential windfall for the dollar." An Bells gained their own sex accord would extend the recent railies of appeal in the past six or 12 months' among The dollar also should benefit from the seeking to exploit a boom in . In Nasdq trading, Cyrix saw relative strength of U.S. economic growth, said Diego Giurleo, of Royal Bank of Canada in New York. While the U.S. econsaid Cummins company, Mr. Clinton has gained support during the omy grew at an annual rate of 4.2 percent Catherwood, a money manager at Rutherford, Brown & Catherconflict, Republicans have an incentive to rate in the third quarter, the German econwood Inc. in Philadelphia.

Coca-Cola shares surged 2% to 74%. Last week Coke shares tumbled 8.4 percent as the company forecast weaker-than-expected fourth-quarter international shipments. The shortfall

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was probably "a blip in the data." a research report from S.G. Warburg & Co. said. PepsiCo was unchanged at 55%. The rival soft-drink maker said its international beverage shipments might expand 5 percent to 6 percent in the fourth quarter, matching domestic gains.

Oil shares railied as naturalgas and heating-oil prices climbed in response to cold winter weather in the Northeast, The week between Christmas Midwest and mid-Atlantic states. Royal Dutch Petroleum jumped 11/2 to 140/4, Chevron climbed 1/2 to 521/2, Mobil added 3/s to finish at 112 and Amerada Hess rose 1/2 to 52.

The outlook for traditional. consumer-growth stocks is brightening as investors look for companies that are least vulnerable to slowing economic growth said Edward Laux chief trader at Chicago Corp. Colgate Palmolive rose 11/2 to 70% while Procter & Gamble gained 1/2 to 831/2

Banks and financial stocks climbed as bond yields dropped. signaling a reduction in the price at which they borrow money US Bancorp vaulted 4 to 36, Wells Fargo rose ¾ to 214½ and J. P. Morgan & gained 1/8 to 79%. Federal National Mortgage Association surged 21/2 to 119 34. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. climbed % to 81%. Travelers Group climbed 1% to 60% and Dean Witter Discover gained 11/2 to 49.

Personal-computer stocks rose on optimism that quarterly profits will meet or exceed expectations. Hewlett-Packard jumped 11/2 to 85%; IBM rose 1/2 to 91% and Compac Computer gained % to 50.

On the American exchange Epitope Inc. rose 41/2 to 171/8 roup rose 11/4 to 351/4. after the company said the U.S. Many of the so-called Baby Food and Drag Administration approved its application to sell a confirmation test for its oral investors AIDS detection test

communications without risk- its stock fall 2 to 231/s after the ing investment in an untested company said it would post a loss for the fourth quarter because of declining prices for its off to close out that business.

NAFTA: White House Skirts NAFTA Provisions as Election Nears

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lowed to venture into the interiors of border states — including Texas and California, two states rich in electoral votes.

The issue offers an illustration of how NAFTA gets phased in. Currently, trucks from the two countries are forbidden from traveling in each other's territory beyond a limit of about 20 miles (32 kilometers). U.S. and Mexican officials who negotiated NAF-TA agreed to wait until 2000 before lifting all restrictions on cross-border trucking. As an interim step, they set Dec. 18 as the date on which Mexican truckers could apply for licenses to travel freely within U.S. border states. U.S. companies would get reciprocal rights for travel in Mexico.

The long transition was set because of the obvious gap in the two countries' safety standards. In Mexico, for example, truck drivers can legally stay behind the wheel as long as they want, unlike U.S. drivers, who are limited to 10 hours a day.

So in the months leading up to the Dec. 18 deadline for easing restrictions, extensive preparations were made by transportation officials on both sides of the border, including seminars and industry meetings for Mexican truckers, who would be required to meet U.S. safety and insurance

regulations when they hit U.S. highways. But last week, Mr. Kantor and Mr. Peña announced the postponement of the dead-

line, following intense lobbying. On Capi-tol Hill, dozens of lawmakers signed letters to the White House asserting that safety issues still remained unresolved. The Teamsters raised the specter of Americans

The decision to postpone evoked angry responses from the Republican governor of Texas, George W. Bush, who issued a statement declaring that "Texas was prepared to enforce our highway safety.'

Dan Morales, the Democratic attorney general of Texas who had raised the alarm against Mexican trucks, said the delay was probably "unnecessary," because the U.S. Customs Service had agreed to share in-

spection facilities and information with state and local safety inspectors.

Economists and trade lawyers said the White House's actions would likely increase protectionist pressure in Mexico when the time comes to lower other trade barriers under the NAFTA timetable. For example, NAFTA includes a provision, to be phased in over a number of years. be phased in over a number of years, requiring Mexico to ease local-content and

other restrictions on its auto market. "If there's just a short delay, fine," Mr. Hinojosa said. "But if it becomes a permanent reneging of one important element of the treaty, then there's going to be calls on both the Mexican and U.S. side saying, "If you can change this element of the treaty,

why not change other elements?'

The tomato dispute touches the same issue. NAFTA phases in free trade for many crops slowly. For now, only a certain quota

of Mexican tornatoes can emer the United States without being subject to a tariff.

When Florida growers complained this year that they were being hurt by a jump in Mexican tornato imports, Mr. Kantor prolosing their jobs to Mexican truck drivers. posed a change in the way the quota worked, measuring the number of Mexican tomatoes entering the United States every week, instead of twice a year as initially planned. The effect would be to discourage imports because if any week's shipments exceeded the quota, penalty duties would be applied.

Critics said Washington accuses Japan and South Korea of using such tactics to keep imports at bay. Several U.S. agricultural groups that export to Mexico, including the National Cattlemen's Association, the National Com Growers Association and the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, sent a letter of protest to Mr. Clinton.

■ Mexican Agriculture Suffers

Agricultural production in Mexco fell 34 percent in 1995 because of bad weather that affected the country's rice, bean, corn and wheat harvests, Agence France-Presse reported Tuesday, citing government figures

quoted in the newspaper La Jornada.

Agriculture Ministry figures also showed an 81 percent drop in the fisheries sector and a 67 percent fall in forestry.

U.S. Thrift Regulator Sues Maxxam

Lawsuit Tied to Drexel Burnham-Financed Takeover

Bloomberg Business News WASHINGTON - Maxxam Inc. and itschairman, Charles Hurwitz, were accused Tuesday by the U.S. Office of Thrift Supervision of contibuting to the failure of United Savings Association of Houston, a thrift linked to the failed Drexel Burnham

compromise with Mr. Clinton, said Belal omy failed to expand at all.

Lambert Inc. securites firm.

The thrift regulator said they and other defendants violated federal regulations by failing to maintain proper capital reserves at the savings and loan. The agency demanded that the defendants pay \$839,000

in civil penalties and an unspecified amount for other damages. Maxxam stock closed down \$1.625, at

\$35.25, on Monday in New York.
United Saving's failure in 1988, and subsequent bailout by the federal govern-ment, cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion. The bank had assets of \$4.4 billion.

Named in the suit with Mr. Hurwitz, who once controlled United Savings, were Barry Munitz, Jenard Gross, Arthur Berner, Ronald Huebsch and Michael Crow. All are former or current officers or directors of United Savings and its holding company, United Financial Group Inc. Federated Development Co. of New York also was

charged.
The Office of Thrift Supervision alleges
Maxxam, Federated and United Financial knew United Savings was not meeting its capital requirements, but failed to comply with their obligations to meet those re-

Mr. Hurwitz, Maxxam's predecessor company MCO Holdings, and Federated gained control of United Savings in 1982 by acquiring more than 25 percent of its stock with the assistance of Drexel, which was forced out of business after pleading guilty to federal fraud charges.

As a condition of regulatory approval for the United Savings acquisition, the de-fendants were obligated to maintain a healthy level of capital reserves at the thrift, the Office of Thrift Supervision said.

Maxxam said that the charges were without merit and that it would "vigor-

ously defend itself."

In addition, Maxxam said it thought the U.S. government engaged in "improper conduct" when it rejected Maxxam's bid to buy United Savings back from government backers in 1082 emment banking agencies in 1988.

Maxxam said the government selected a bid that was \$100 million lower than Maxxam's, violating federal guidelines. Maxxam said it filed a suit in the Fifth

Maxxam said it filed a suit in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals asking that the sale of United Savings be overturned.

A private citizen sued Mr. Hurwitz earlier this year over United Savings' failure. The suit seeks \$1.6 billion on behalf of U.S. taxpayers. In August, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., sued Mr. Hurwitz for \$250 million

The bank insurance fund also claimed

The bank insurance fund also claimed Mr. Hurwitz failed to honor agreements to inject capital into United Savings.

In addition, the FDIC alleged that Mr. Hurwitz artificially maintained the net worth of United Savings so the thrift could buy junk bonds from Drexel.

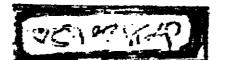
The now defunct securities company firm was a key source of funding for Maxxam's business ventures, including its hostile takeover in 1986 of United Pacific Lumber Co.

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Maxxam, which is based in Houston, has other holdings in aluminum production, real estate, and horse racing. Its Houston horse-racing track filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in April after about a year in operation because attendance fell below expectations.

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MOSCOW — The governlegal action and prepare to seek new bids in response to what it said was the collapse of a \$1.4 billion investment accord with

Italy's state-owned telecommu-

nications holding company. But executives of the Italian concern, STET SpA, said the agreement was still in force and that only a few aspects needed to be clarified.

STET's Moscow representative, Carlo Delbo, reached by telephone in Italy, said: 'We strongly believe, we hope that

Whitbread Said To Bid £1 Billion For Forte Unit

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LONDON — Whitbread PLC has made a friendly £1 billion (\$1.54 billion) bid for the restaurant operations of in either the first or fourth quar-Forte PLC, British newspapers ter of 1996. reported Tuesday.

target of a hostile £3.3 billion and prepare for sale a stronger bid from Granada Group PLC, enterprise," he said. and Whitbread, the brewingand-leisure concern, had agreed in principle on the sale and said the companies' advisers had bo said, the company decided to spent Christmas Day working put the \$640 million in escrow on the details.

The Independent said the agreement had been confirmed the money and we'll confirme to by insiders at Forte, who said a discuss," Mr. Delbo recalled. by insiders at Forte, who said a discuss," Mr. Delbo recalled bid would be made within two "If we don't reach agreement, weeks for the company's road-the Russian Ministry of Finance side restaurants and service stations in Britain and France.

As part of its defense against the Granada bid, Forte has begun to divest itself of some of its owns 51 percent of Svyazinhotel interests and has said it is west, a holding company set up ready to consider offers for its last summer that owns a ma-

restaurant business. of the accord could come before Concern about Svyazin-trading on London's stock ex- vest's control over its subchange resumed Wednesday at-, sidiaries and its ability to imter the Christmas and Boxing pose price increases led to Day holidays. It also said the STET's decision to put its inideal would significantly cut that payment into an escrow ac-Forte's debt of £1.3 billion and count for six months while it perhaps allow the company to investigated those issues. pay a special dividend.

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the deal is going on. We have no ment said Tuesday it would take legal action and prepare to seel this deal. We needed to fix more points, and we are waiting."

STET said Friday it was putting an initial payment of \$640 million for 25 percent of Russia's Svyazinvest telephone' company into an escrow account until the Russian govenument could provide it with certain assurances about investment conditions.

Russian officials said they regarded the STET investmen accord as void because they had. not received the payment, which was due Friday.
"Russia doesn't intend to

limit itself to making statements," a presidential economic adviser, Alexander Livshits said. according to the Prime news agency. "But it will take actions of a legal character." Maxim Boiko, head of the

Russian Privatization Center, said he would decide in January when to hold a second tender for the stake in Svyazinvest. He said the sale might come

'We will use the long pause The Times said Forte, the to make use of our experience

> When certain investment conditions set by STET were not met in mid-December, Mr. Deluntil an accord was reached.

'The Russians said, 'Give us repays the money.

We said no, we preferred to put the money in escrow."

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Russia to Seek New Bids for Stake Covernment Tries to Keep Its Energy Concern Toget **Government Tries to Keep Its Energy Concern Together**

By Alan Krauss Special to the Herald Tribune

BUDAPEST — When the Hungarian government put its oil-and-gas company, MOL RT, on the market, it insisted on keeping its industrial crown jewel intact. Prospective buyers balked at this all-

or nothing proposition, and the government rejected the big oil companies' offers to buy MOL and break it into its component refineries, gas pipelines, gasoline stations and other units. A stock sale was the only alternative,

which suited top executives fine. Fresh

from a series of equity offerings that brought in \$200 million for a quarter of the company, Laszlo Pal, the chairman, said MOL has a bright future because it maintained its independence and its integrity. "As the only integrated oil company in Eastern Europe, we have many possibil-ities that our competitors don't," Mr. Pal said. He assumed the helm at MOL in September after a year as Hungary's in-

among fuels and markets." MOL has international exploration operations that address the issue of secure

can take advantage of price differences

national pride, said Jim Joseph, an oil analyst at James Capel & Co. in London.

Whether Hungary, which produces only enough oil to meet about 20 percent of its own requirements, needs a domestic energy company is an open question. While competitors such as Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch/Shell Group have snapped up individual oil facilities in the region, complex, they found MOL to be too large to easily swallow. MOL's projected 1995 sales are \$2.6 billion, which make it one of

the largest enterprises in Eastern Europe. Oil industry executives said Hungary's determination to keep MOL whole was not unreasonable. W.R. Cardwell, Shell area manager for central and southern Europe, said his concern maintains similar ' tional" oil companies: "Shell UK is basically into everything, but there are other places around the world where we're involved only in marketing."

Mr. Pal said the success of the stock offering was a vote of confidence by Westem institutions, which bought 18.8 percent terior minister. "Integration makes MOLa of MOL. The shares, listed in the Budapest quicker, more elastic company," he said.
"We make decisions efficiently, and we per share and ended last week at \$7.85.

Yet by some measures, investors got a good deal, said Mr. Joseph. He estimated that by 1997 MOL would carry a cashflow multiple of 2.5 and price-earnings energy supplies in Hungary, which still multiple of 8, compared with 5 and bedreads heavily on Russian oil, as well as tween 9 and 20, respectively, for other Turkey, Bulgaria and Albania.

"But it's obviously too simple to say that it looks cheap, compared with other stocks, because it carries risks that others don't," Mr. Joseph said.

Chief among these is the company's vulnerability to a political reversal by regulators, who are committed to complying with a World Bank requirement that gas prices reflect production costs by the end of 1996. Gas prices rose 58 percent in January and are expected to double next year.

The increase in gas prices largely accounts for the turnaround in MOL's earnings this year. Mr. Pal said MOL would pay an as-yet undetermined commonstock dividend in 1995, on after-tax earnings, which are projected at \$45 million to \$50 million. Last year, it lost \$19 million.

A more remote risk is the possibility that the government will slow or reverse MOL's privatization. The latest equity sales brought the state's share down to 57 percent, and Mr. Pal said 25 percent more would be offered to investors in 1996.

Mr. Pal said priorities in 1996 were accelerating MOL's exploration-and-production activity and modernization of its 314 gasoline stations. MOL has two wells in Timisia and is a 25 percent partner in three Algerian wells. It is pursuing oil concessions in Libya, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, as well as

ending a cycle of capacity increases that

Each is tricky. The first requires ex-

tracting concessions from unions - a task

that even the big U.S. carriers have not mastered, as USAir Group Inc.'s tortuous negotiations to win \$3 billion in cost cuts

Pilots at Iberia, for instance, are the best-

paid in Europe, with an average annual salary of 12.8 million pesetas (\$105,800).

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\$1 billion in the past four years. Iberia used

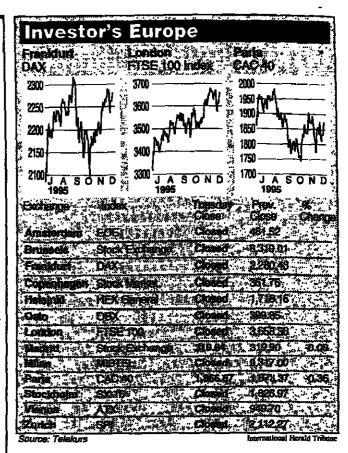
\$1 billion in state aid granted in 1992, and last week won approval for more — this

Air France's unions declared "war" this

usually signal the end of a boom.

has demonstrated.

time, \$673 million.



Very briefly:

 British Petroleum PLC signed a \$3.5 billion agreement with Sonatrach, the Algerian state-owned energy company, to explore and produce gas in the Sahara Desert. The deal must be approved by Algerian and European Union authorities.

• Finel, a joint venture of Electricité de France and Edison SpA, a unit of Montedison SpA, has finalized the purchase of 73.96 percent of ILVA Servizi Energie Srl, a unit of Ilva Spa, for 370 billion lire (\$232.7 million).

 Kvaerner A/S, the Norwegian shipbuilding and construction company, bought 12.94 percent of Vyborgsky Sudostroitelny Zavod for 414 million rubles (\$89,160) to bring its stake in the St. Petersburg regional real-estate company to 39.05 percent. Under the terms of the purchase, Kvaerner must invest \$5 million in the that are 37 percent higher than those in the United States, mostly because of labor, and company over the next three years.

• Volkswagen AG on Wednesday will raise the price of its passenger vehicles by an average 1.9 percent, but it said prices for extra safety devices, including anti-lock braking systems, would

• France and China have agreed to a "technical and legal cooperation" to promote exports of cognac from France to China, the cognac producers' trade association BNIC said.

 Compañía Española de Petróleos SA posted net profit of 20.2 billion pesetas (\$166 million) in the first 11 months of 1995, up 18.8 percent, on a 10 percent rise in revenues.

 Eurotunnel PLC will report next month on its debt restructuring talks with its 225 creditor banks, according to an article in The Times of London that quoted company sources. Eurotunnel, operator of train service between Britain and the Continent through the channel tunnel, announced in September an 18-month freeze on interest payments on £8 billion (\$12.32 billion) in debt. • Club Méditerranée SA sales fell 3 percent, to 8.469 billion

percent by the beginning of 1997, staging a • Club Méditerranée SA sales fell 3 percent, to 8.46 series of strikes that have grounded flights French francs (\$ 1.71 billion) in the year ended Oct. 31.

 Pechiney International SA shares plunged 2.6 francs, to 91 francs, a five-year low, as investors sold rather than swapping for shares in parent company Pechiney SA. The swap offer, part of the Pechiney SA initial public offering, lasts until Jan. 9. AFP, AFX, Bloomberg, Reviers

Brief Respite Ending for Europe's Airlines

LONDON — Europe's airlines, after losing \$8 billion since 1990 as the Gulf War and recession limited air travel, returned to profit this year. But they are not

In the boom-and-bust business, executives already are girding for a downturn that most expect to come in 1997. Once-bitter rivals are rushing to join al-

liances. State-owned airlines, laggards in the battle to bring down costs, are taking on unions. Everyone is pouring money into upgrading high-margin premium services, hoping to prop up profits that have fallen

cost carriers as a new generation of startups

European Airlines.

profit this year, its first since 1989. But its

unions are revolting against cost-cutting largely on two issues; bringing down costs plans, and Italian newspapers said the airline may ask investors for a 1 trillion lire (\$628 million) capital injection.

Alitalia also for the first time is facing ompetition on flights between Milan and Rome, Italy's most-traveled route. A startup airline called Air One undercuts Alitalia's fares by as much as 20 percent.

Alitalia is not alone. Startups are targeting other state-owned airlines, such as Sabena SA of Belgium and Iberia SA of Spain, in the hope that the established carriers' high costs will leave them vulnerable to competition.

even as passenger traffic has boomed.

It all comes in the shadow of full deregulation of Europe's skies in April 1997, a change that could spell trouble for highairlines folded, according to an Economist cost carriers as a new generation of startups undercuts their fares.

"The vital signs are good for now, but the patient still isn't healthy," said David Anderson, an analyst at the Association of derson said. "If they're operating at a loss

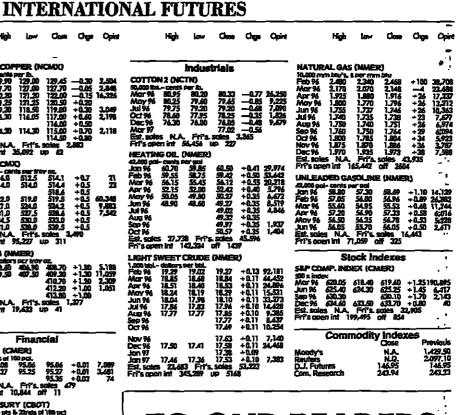
and can't sustain it, ultimately you return to Consider Alitalia SpA. The Italian state- the status quo with a weakened incumbent owned carrier said it expected to make a and not much else to show for it.'

year on the carrier's plans to cut costs 30 and costs the airline millions of francs. The winners are the nonstate-owned air-

lines, such as British Airways PLC and Lufthansa, that have wrested concessions Success for Europe's airlines depends from their unions since the late 1980s.

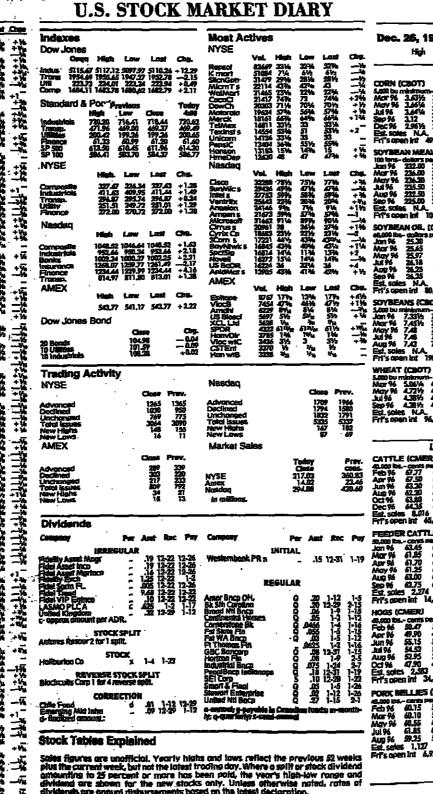
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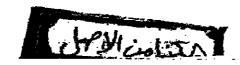
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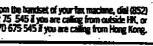
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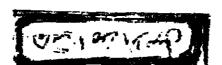
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Tokyo Is Cheerful **Despite Jobs Data**

Leading Indicators Surge

TOKYO — Japan's jobless rate hit a record, but other data released Tuesday, particularly a surge in the index of leading indicators, showed its economy

could be getting on its feet.

The official jobless rate jumped to 3.4 percent in November from the record level of 3.2 percent, where it had been stuck for five months. The middle-aged men, the report rate was the highest since the comparable statistics in 1953.

But the index of leading indicators showed significant improvement for the first time in six months, soaring through the 50 level that separates growth from recession to a reading of 80.0 in October from 46.2 in September. Machinery orders

jumped and inventories fell.

"The economy is gradually working its way to a recovery, but it's too early to say it is actually on an upward trend. said Toru Oshiro, an economist at the Yamaichi Research In- said the company's biggest year stitute of Securities and Economics. Unemployment, he said, is a lagging indicator, so its increase was more a sign of The maker of photocopiers weakness in the past few months and consumer goods previously increase was more a sign of than of any troubles ahead.

Some analysts noted that jobs-to-applicants ratio improved to 0.63 in November from 0.61 a month earlier, meaning there were 63 job offers for each 100 applicants.

Others, however, said an economic recovery in 1996 would not stop the rise in unemployment right away.

"It will be higher in 1996 than it was in 1995," said Chris Calderwood, senior economist at BZW Securities in Tokyo, The greatest job losses last

month came at manufacturers said. It said about 380,000 mangovernment began compiling ufacturing jobs had been lost since a year earlier, a decline of 2.5 percent, to 14.62 million.

Another report said Tokyo's consumer price index for 1995 was down 0.3 percent from 1994, the first decrease in 40 vears. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Canon Sees Record Year

Canon Inc. expects to post record parent-company current profit for 1995 and will increase its dividend, Reuters reported.

A Canon executive did make specific profit forecast but for current, or pretax, profit was 1992, when it made 77.13 billion yen (\$752.5 million).

forecast current profit of 62 billion yen for the calendar year. while the jobless rate was up, the compared with 53.90 billion yen in 1994. The executive also said Canon had decided to pay a special dividend of 0.5 yen a share, bringing its total payout for 1995 to 13 yen a share.

Idle Hands Fight Back in Japan

when lifetime employment managers' union. was the norm, but in the lean and mean 1990s, increasing numbers of middle-aged Japanese men are finding that their companies do not want Government data show that 8 million at a small-to-medi- at a worker's pride. them any more.

left. But now, some are re- years. fusing to go quietly.

"It's an abuse of human rights," said a 48-year-old recover, firms are not going to used various methods to lay manager at a computer-related stop restructuring," Mr. Shi- off workers. Small ones sudmanager at a computer-related company that is pressing him

Determined to stay on, he has become a member of the Tokyo Managers' Union, one of the few organizations in Japan formed to help people in his position. The union has around 300 members and has counseled more than 1,700 people since it was set up two years ago. This manager, like most others interviewed, asked to remain anonymous to avoid endangering negotiations with their employers.

Heavy with high labor costs, Japanese companies are of-living adjustment it paid its employees in Tokyo, one of the eager to slim down, and the country's unemployment lines are growing. The official unemployment rate hit a record Tuesday, rising to 3.4 percent for November from 3.2 percent in October.

"A third of the people we talk to have been asked to resign, around 400 have been laid off, and others have been demoted or passed off onto a recalculation of indexes that measure currency-exchange rates, subsidiary company, which is prices and inflation rates. An embassy spokesman said a new the equivalent of semiretire- survey of living costs in Tokyo had been sent to Washington.

new graduates, but manage- earned 10 million yen companies have trimmed um-sized company. Now, it's More often than not, they around 240,000 management- come down to 35 years and 9

> "The number is going to for a smaller one." rise. Even if the economy does

ment," said Kiyotsugu Shi- tara said. Companies are also denly serve one to TOKYO — They grew up tara, general secretary of the hen lifetime employment managers' union. widening the scope of their months' notice, he said, for-layoffs, he said: "Up until a eign companies are "dry and Companies have tightened year ago, you were are a target cool, a package all present-their belts and cut their intake of if you were 45 and over, ed," and companies with strong balance sheets tend to ment has also become a target. (\$98,000) at a big company or take their time, slowly picking

"I'm treated like dead wood," said a 54-year-old have bowed to pressure and related jobs in the last three million yen if you work for a employee at a company in the major company or 6 million entertainment-services field. For the past year, he said, his Mr. Shitara said companies work had gradually been taken away from him, to the point where he now had nothing to do. "Restructuring, it's another noun for fixing," he said.

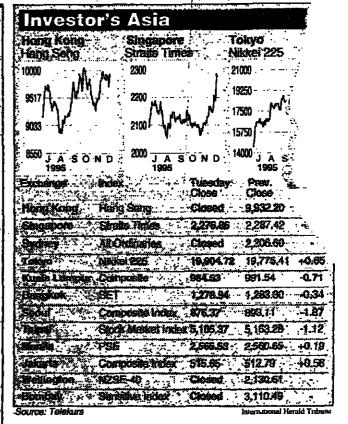
The manager at the computer-related company said he had been shifted from department to department before being offered midnight shifts and when he refused those, he was asked to resign. For those laid off, employ-

American diplomats here locked the embassy gate and, cut off ment prospects are dim.
"My family insists that I Now, many U.S. envoys again find themselves holed up, but don't resign from the compa-without a putting green. This time, the problem is the budget battle ny: they know it's difficult for don't resign from the compa-

me to find a new job," said the former manager of the enterinment-services company. While they may not be confident that union negotiations will win them back their jobs,

among bureaucrats and business people alike, as some commore than anything the laid-off managers want to change the way their companies go about outside the embassy, Walter F. Mondale, the U.S. ambassador to restructuring. 'My company approaches individuals one by one," said

Japan, said business people had been "an unimended victim" of Washington's move. He said he was working to get the cost-ofliving adjustment back up again, a move that would benefit all the manager at the computerthose whose compensation in Japan is based on the U.S. index. related company. "It's the The State Department blamed the reduction on a standard cheap and easy way to make people resign. I want to make the company change its way of management."



Very briefly:

•India's state of Maharashtra will unilaterally decide the value of a contract to replace a canceled \$2.8 billion deal awarded to Enron Corp. to build a power plant.

•Ford Credit International is to form a venture in India with the automaker Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. and Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. to finance purchases of Ford vehicles.

 Modi Luft Ltd., a leading Indian airline, rejected an 870 million rupee (\$24.9 million) takeover bid by the Damania Airways Ltd. unit of NEPC Group.

 Acer Inc., the Taiwan computer maker, said 1995 net profit would be about 10 billion Taiwan dollars (\$366.6 million) on sales of about 150 billion dollars.

 Japan's Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications plans to raise the amount of postal insurance funds to be invested in stocks by 70 percent, to 1.7 trillion yen (\$16.66 billion), for the coming fiscal year from the current year, it is the first increase in three years.

•Daiwa Securities Co. said the number of mergers and acquisitions involving Japanese companies in 1995 rose 7.2 percent from a year ago, to 532; the value totaled 1.57 trillion yen.

•Itocha Corp. is to take a 10 percent stake in Siam Strip Mill Public Co., a new That maker of hot-rolled steel coils which will be capitalized at about 20 billion yen (\$195 million.) The mill will be 60 percent owned by the Siam Steel Pipe group.

 Samsung Display Devices Co. is to enter a \$600 million joint venture to produce color-picture tubes in China, Samsung will control 80 percent of the Shenzhen venture, while Modern Advancement Co. of China will take the other 20 percent.

•La Tondena Distillers Inc., the largest Philippine distiller, is to form a joint venture with United Distillers PLC to make and distribute such British liquor brands as Gordon's Gin and Johnnie AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters

POSCO Forecast Dour

SEOUL - Pohang Iron & Steel Co. said Tuesday that reduced demand for steel and cuts in export prices would slash profits next year, forcing the company to forgo expansion and reassign hundreds of employees in an effort to

POSCO said net profits for 1996 would plunge 13 percent, to 693.8 billion won (\$898.0 million), on a slight increase in sales,

The steel industry is expected to suffer in 1996 in line with an overall downturn in world business," a spokesman said.

Thai Stocks Slip After Market Regulator Resigns

BANGKOK - Stocks fell Tuesday amid accusations by the Finance Ministry that the former head of Thailand's Securities and Exchange Commission, who quit Monday, broke financial oversight laws, but analysts said the charges could have been politically motivated.

Ekamol Kiriwat, also a deputy governor of the Bank of Thailand and an outspoken critic of the Thai government, resigned abruptly a day before Finance Minister stay by promising independence for the Surakiart Sathirathai announced that he regulatory body.

had "sufficient evidence" to back up allegations that Mr. Ekamol had violated That laws relating to disclosure of "banking information." Mr. Surakiart would not elaborate on the accusations.

Mr. Ekamol, who headed the SEC since 1992, said he would resign in July after the government of Prime Minister Banharn ilpa-archa took office, saying he feared political intervention, but the prime minister and Mr. Surakiart persuaded him to

"The timing of Ekamol's resignation is a surprise," said Israpol Kunsorn, an analyst for Wall Street Finance & Securities PLC. "But it demonstrates how much trouble regulators are having with the new

The Stock Exchange of Thailand index closed Tuesday at 1,278.94, down 2.73. Last week, Mr. Ekamol was not reap pointed to the board of directors of Thai Airways International PLC, in which the Finance Ministry owns a 93 percent stake. distribute such F (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP) Walker Scotch.

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for years, additional lines were
installed in fewer than 5 percent
of homes. That began to change
about three years ago, telephone executives say, setting phone Co., a unit of SBC Com-

past year. that demand. Link Resources estimates that 39 million Amer-lines. icans now conduct some form third of those people have more

than one phone line. In addition, the rise in personal-computer use has turned many homes into either exten-

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Continued from Page 11 sions of the office or launching pads into cyberspace, About 10 million people subscribe to onan extra line can easily surpass line services such as Com-\$100; federal regulations pro- puServe, a unit of H&R Block . and America Online Inc.

> providers such as UUnet Technologies Inc. In all, Link Resources estimates that 41 percent of house-

the stage for the surge of the munications Inc. The company recently installed its one mil-Several trends are propelling lionth additional line, out of a total of 9.6 million residential

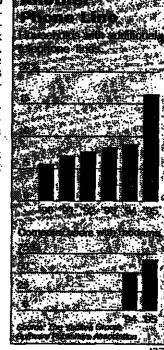
Perhaps surprisingly, howof business at home. Roughly a ever, phone companies have mixed feelings about the trend. Some welcome any new source of revenue, especially in the residential market, where profit margins tend to be smaller than

for business service. But for others, second household lines may not generate enough money to justify the

costs of providing them. In New York, for instance, Nynex Corp. — which has 11 million residential lines and has installed 1.3 million additional lines — puts in extra lines only on request and does upthing to encourage the practice

Judith Haberkorn, vice president for individual communications services at Nynex, said the booming demand could outstrip the company's capacity to subscriber's home. That is not to s able quality.

In fact, the same trends prophone lines may eventually ren- ond car a generation ago. der them obsolete. Telephone called integrated-services dig- setup.



ital networks that can carry voice and data simultaneously over a single line - and transmit the data 10 times as rapidly as copper phone lines.

In addition, fiber-optic glass strands promise to eventually bring even higher capacity single-line connections into households.

Meanwhile, cable television companies are gearing up to offer data transmission, tex. phone service and television programs through the single coaxial cable running into each

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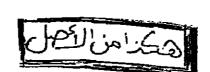
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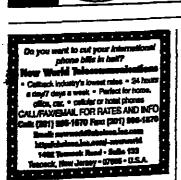
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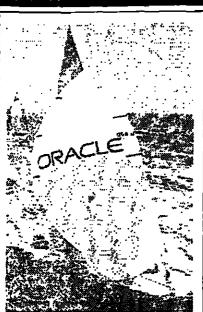
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Cullinan Resists England

CRICKET Daryil Cullinan's dashing batting led South Africa to 230 for four wickets at the close on the first day of the fourth test Tuesday against England in Port Elizabeth. The 28year-old finished the day with an unbeaten 83. His fourth wicket partnership of 118 with Jonty Rhodes rescued South Africa from a precar-ious 89 for three wickets after Hansie Cronie won the toss and opted to bat first on a slow wicket.

 Australia reached 234 for three wickets on the first day of its second test against Sri Lanka in Melbourne. However, the Australians' batting was overshadowed by the bowling of the Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who was no-balled seven overs by the umpire, Darrell Hair, and afterward warned to change his bowling action by the International Cricket .. Council before switching ends without further incident.

Coach Changes His Mind

FOOTBALL Glen Mason, who resigned last week as coach at Kansas University to take over at Georgia, has changed his mind and will remain with the Jayhawks. Georgia hired Jim Donnan of Marshall as its new coach instead. Donnan led Marshall to 64 victories and one Division I-AA championship in six years.

Libva to Resume Sports

Libya is reviving its sports teams, hanned more than a decade ago by Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, to show that the country can function despite UN sanctions. The state-run television station said sports competitions will resume Jan. 12.

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George Weah celebrating a goal for Paris St-Germain.

Weah Did Not Win Prize That Matters

International Herald Tribune George Weah is becoming all things to all men.

Ndoram of Chad and Finidi George of Nigeria. On Tuesday, Weah was confirmed as Europe's Player of the Year, Johannesburg on Jan. 13. polling more votes than Jurgen Klinsmann and Jari Litmanen. On the eighth night of the New Year, FIFA will honor Weah as the finest footballer in the world.

Can so much acclaim all

In terms of skill, there can be no quibble. Africa's contribution to the international game, its production of skilled, at times hypnotic ballplayers, stroyed. Whenever Lone Star — as has for some time illuminated the national squad is called — is

playgrounds deserve. Cometh the and potency equal to any contem-

porary goal-chaser. He moves his 1.84 meters and 77 kilograms (6 feet and 169 pounds) into areas of pain. He rides challenges with muscle and poise. He wriggles, turns, shoots with fearless instinct.

But as awesome as the physical attributes can look, it is the mental courage to try and try again that is the mark of a modern striker. Weah by no means scores every time he should, but he seldom hides, seldom shirks responsibility to shoot and miss if need be, and to shoot again.

Though he left his native Liberia

Soccer / Rob Hughes

In November, he was voted Africa's ances for his homeland, he has intion for the African Cup of Nations, the final rounds of which begin in

This is trumpeted by FIFA Mag-azine as "The Weah Miracle." Liberia, FIFA acknowledges, is a country torn apart by a civil war that has sent a million and a half inhabitants fleeing for their lives. But, the magazine insists, "Football is accorded a privileged status in this battered and plundered country, three-quarters of which has been deplaying everyone immediately downs his arms, everything comes to world's overcoached leagues. playing everyone immediate George Oppong Weah is perhaps downs his arms, everything comes the symbol of recognition Africa's a standstill and the party begins."

Liberia's national team players are hour, cometh Weah, born in Monrovia mercenaries in the leagues of Ger-29 years ago, blessed with pace, power many, Switzerland, the Netberlands, France and Italy, but Weah is the catalyst.

> "He is a mixture of godfather, coach, forward, captain, organizer, financier, provider and, occasionally,

> even nurse," states FIFA. The magazine's local informant, reporter Kenneth Jackson, offers this eulogy: "Weah is like a flame for us. As long as it burns, we can forget the suffering and pain, we can dream of

How could such a man be anything less than player of the year, player of the millennium? It must have seemed small-time theater when Weah arthe better part of a decade ago, he has rived in Milan last summer, his cult status there. After 45 appear-

ginnings with Young Survival Clara footballer of 1995, ahead of Japher spired Liberia's first-ever qualifica- Town, and the publicists clad him in an emperor's robes and crown.

But even in Italy, where money sooner or later buys every great soc-cer talent, Weah can do no wrong. A practicing Muslim in a Carholic land,

he tells the people: "I ask God to make me victorious in the game and to make me score --but only if those are the right things for me to be given. I always pray with that 'if.' You can't say to God 'Give me money.' You can say 'I'd like to have more money, but only if it doesn't give me an unfair advantage.'

He understands that." Weah, too, understands mankind. Fabio Capello, his coach at Milan, says it takes only a short time to realize that his new center forward is that rare combination of extraordi-

nary talent and great man. George Weah knows God so well. knows the teachings of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, and knows where he is coming from and going to. "In Africa, I became a European," be tells an interviewer. "In Europe, I've become African.'

All things to all men. It seems churlish to ask if he really merits the ac-

It was good that France Football, the reanizer of the European Footballer of the Year, opened up its 40-year poil to world players who perform for European chibs. Good that 10 of the 50 names admired by journalists from 50 countries encompassed the fine in-

requisite that winners of the Golden Boot were achievers. Weah played half the year for Paris Saint-Germain. which, despite wealth unparalleled in France, lost its championship to Nantes, for whom Ndoram played consistently well.

PSG reached the semifinal of the European Champions' Cup, where it' came up against AC Milan

Now was the test for Weah. Could he score against the likes of Franco Baresi and Paolo Maldim? In Milan's San Siro Stadium he was the invisible. man. Paris was beaten, if we must individualize team superiority, by a Serb, Dejan Savicevic, who won no votes in the polls but who scored two exquisite goals.

Weah's response to criticisms mine to the fore — that he appeared not to be giving his best was dismissive: "That is absurd," said Weah. "I play every match 100 percent! But as an attacker I can only score if the ball is played for me, and in that semifinal it was not George Weah who

played badly, it was the team."

To my eye Weah, so often the proud inspiration of team morale and so able to turn bad balls into good goals, set the mood of acquiescence that night. Clearly my view is in the minority.

Weah, according to administrators in Africa, to journalists across Europe, to Silvio Berluscom — who paid mil-lions for him and used the Berluscom media machine to promote him - and according to the coaches of national teams who are FIFA's judges of Player of the Year, all say Weah is the best, Rob Hughes is on the staff of The.

Atlanta Upset of 49ers Sent Waves Across NFL

It Affected Both Playoffs and Draft

By Timothy W. Smith

NEW YORK — Few games were of as much interest throughout the National Football League this season as Atlanta's upset victory against the San Francisco 49ers.

Not only did it have an impact on several d a question of what kind of shape or more games this se the Falcons quarterback, Jeff George, would be in for next Sunday's wild-card game at Green Bay.

George, who left the game Sunday with a sprained neck with 1 minute 53 seconds to play in the first half, had X-rays taken of his head and neck later that night, but no serious damage was found.

The backup quarterback, Bobby Hebert, led the Falcons to the shocking 28-27 victory, but George is expected to start against the Packers. He is scheduled to work out with the team this week, although he will avoid contact drills.

The playoff appearance is only the fifth for the Falcons in their 30-year history, but the consequences of their victory were greater than that. The game was of keen interest to the Vikings, Bears, Cowboys

The Bears and Vikings were rooting for San Francisco because an Atlanta loss was their only hope of making the playoffs. The Cowboys and Colts were rooting for

Atlanta, but for different reasons. The Cowboys wanted the 49ers to lose because that would give them a chance to reclaim the home-field advantage through-

out the playoffs. The Cowboys still had to beat the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night to get it, but they would have had no chance if the 49ers had won.

The Colts were pulling for Atlanta because a Falcons victory would bolster their draft this spring. That's because when the Colts traded George to Atlanta in 1993, the teams in the playoff race, it affected this deal called for them to receive a first-round spring's draft. And in the aftermath, there draft choice in 1996 if the Falcons won nine

Anything fewer than nine victories would have meant a second-round pick for Indianapolis, and the Colts already had sent their own first-round pick to Tampa Bay in the last off-season as part of the trade for the quarterback Craig Erickson. Atlanta might lose on another level, too.

George will be an unrestricted free agent at of the season, and he finished the year with a the end of the season and has turned down a contract offer from the Falcons But for now, Atlanta's focus is on the

Packers. The Falcons will not do anything special to adjust to Green Bay's weather. The Falcons plan to arrive on Saturday. George is far from Atlanta's only of-

fensive threat. The Falcons accomplished something this season that had never been done in the NFL. Four of their players gained more than 1,000 yards and George passed for more than 4,000 yards.

The running back Craig Heyward rushed for 1,083 yards; the receiver Eric Metcalf had 103 receptions for 1,189 yards; Bert Emanuel had 74 catches for 1.039 yards; Terance Mathis caught 78 passes for 1.039 yards, and George completed 336 of 557 passes for 4,143 yards, 24 touchdowns and II interceptions.

Cowboys Win As Smith Runs For a Score And a Record

TEMPE, Arizona - With the clock winding down in a lopsided game, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys was getting

"You have a tendency to think that it's never going to happen," Smith said after setting a National Football League record for touchdowns in a season with 25 when 13 Dallas victory Monday night over the Arizona Cardinals.

Earlier, Troy Aikman threw for 350 yards, with scoring strikes of 25 and 48 yards to Kevin Williams, and Brock Marion scored on a 32-yard interception return. The two touchdowns by Williams were his first two flourish, catching 19 passes in his last three games, compared with 19 in his first 13

'I'm glad all the guys scored, and I didn't recommend to anyone to go out of bounds at the one-yard line on my ac-count," Smith said. But he acknowledged that he wanted badly to pass the record of 24 touchdowns that John Riggins scored for Washington in 1983. "The only thing I could see was the goal line - the stripes on the ground - and I knew I wasn't over it." said Smith, who broke a tackle at the twoyard line before scoring.

Smith, who had the rushing title

wrapped up before the game, has 100 TDs for his career, tied for ninth on the NFL list. His 96 rushing TDs, including all 25 this season, have him fifth in that category, 10 behind the career leader, Jim Brown.

The Cowboys (12-4) earned home-field rights throughout the NFC playoffs after thinking they'd blown it by losing to Washington and Philadelphia in back-to-back games earlier this month. They regained control of their destiny when Atlanta upset San Francisco on Sunday.

"It's been what? Thirty hours?" Dallas' owner, Jerry Jones, said. "So we've had the most dramatic change conceivable from not even winning the division and having to go into the playoffs as a wild card to winning the whole thing."

Aikman, who has said he might consider retirement after the season, was much more encouraged after leading the Cowboys to

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In the game against the Arizona Cardinals, Dallas running back Emmit Smith scored to set an NFL record of 25 touchdowns in a single season.

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Cardinals (4-12). Centers caught 12 passes yard interception return.

their fourth straight season of 12 or more to set the NFL season record for receptions by a running back. He finished the game Larry Centers and Aeneas Williams, two of Arizona's four Pro Bowl selectees, provided what little relief there was for the only Arizona touchdown with a 4

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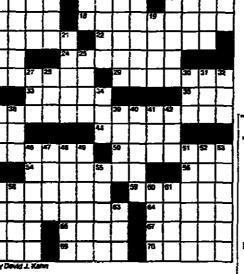
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ROUGH AND TUMBLE - Rund Gullit, of Chelsea, grabbing Wimbledon's Mick Harford in a Premier League game as Hans Segers and Efan Ekoku chase the ball. Later, Vinnie Jones was sent off for fouling Gullit. Wimbledon won, 2-1.

For Orlando Magic, Revenge Is Sweet

The Associated Press

Orlando is still drawing on a lesson learned in the National Basketball Asso-Regular-season success against the

Houston Rockets is nice, but it doesn't

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NBA ROUNDUP

The Orlando Magic won both regularseason meetings between the teams last winter, only to lose four straight to the Rockets in the final round of the playoffs.

me," Coach Brian Hill said after Anfernee

Hardaway's clutch jumper with 3.1 seconds

remaining gave the Magic a 92-90 victory. Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Orlando, which blew a 13point lead and fell behind by 8 in the fourth quarter before overtaking the Rockets.

seemed like déjà vu from the finals."

guarantee anything against the two-time defending champions when the games 30 points, but his basket to start the final quarter was his last. Scott rebounded the All-Star center's airball with 24 seconds left, setting the stage for Hardaway.

The All-Star point guard let the shot clock run down to six seconds before start-'It was just another basketball game to a ing from the top of the key and moving toward the right side of the basket to rise above Mario Elie of Houston.

The ball hit the rim, banged off the glass, rolled around and fell in.

Sours 105, Suns 100 Sean Elliott scored 10 of his 28 points in the fourth period and David Robinson finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds as visiting San Antonio "We'll take a win any way it comes, but and 10 rebounds as visiting San Antonio I was a little disappointed," Hardaway said. "We had them down and they came back. It run its winning streak to six.

'We never counted ourselves out," said Elliott, who has teamed with Robinson this season to average nearly 50 points and 18 rebounds a game. "We were never down and out. Even if we're down by 10 points with five minutes left, we still feel like we can get it done."

Charles Barkley had 29 points and 15 rebounds for Phoenix, which was outscored 14-3 in the final 3:40 and lost for the fifth time in eight games.

Christmas Shopping for World Series

Orioles and Cardinals Steal a March for Next Season:

New York Times Service

EW YORK — If off-season aggressiveness could be congeneral managers would be the executives of the year.

Walt Jocketry, beginning his second year as the Cardinals' general manager, and Pat Gillick, in his first weeks out of retirement, have dazzled their colleagues with lightning-like maneuvers.

As major-league baseball settles into its traditional week off between Christmas and New Year's — that is not to say general managers won't be working their home telephones or sneaking into their supposedly closed offices — the Car-dinals and the Orioles appear to have improved themselves the most with trades and free-agent signings.

In the last two weeks, Jocketty acquired the shortstop Royce Clayton from San Francisco and signed third baseman Gary Gaetti, left fielder Ron Gant and starting pitcher Andy Benes, while Gillick traded for a starting pitcher, Kent Mercker, and signed the second baseman Roberto Alomar, third baseman B. J. Surhoff and the

relief pitcher Randy Myers. The same teams had already made significant other additions, each attracting a manager with a winning record.

Tony LaRussa was looking to leave Oakland after 10 years, and the Cardinals lured him to the National League for the same \$1.5 million salary he was earning in Oakland, Davey Johnson wasn't looking to leave Cincinnati, but the owner sent him on his way in spite of a division championship last season. The Orioles, who passed up the chance to hire Johnson a year ago, grabbed him this time.

Gillick and Johnson in Baltimore, and Jocketty and La Russa in St. Louis, are the beneficiaries of favorable ownership cir-

Peter Angelos has owned the Orioles

Baseball / Murray Chass

verted into championships and for two years and is eager to reward the awards, the St. Louis Cardinals fans who fill Camden Yards every game and the Baltimore Orioles would meet in with a championship. The only other the World Series next October and their team in the American League that sells out game after game is the Cleveland Indians, and they played in the World Series last October.

The Cardinals were sold only last week. and the new ownership group must go through the approval process. But the new group has made itself felt and heard.

"We want to win now," Frederick Hanser, a St. Louis lawyer who heads the new group, has said.

The new owners want to win because they know they need a winning team to attract fans back to the ballpark. Based on their average crowd last season, the Car-dinals would have fallen short of 2 million attendance for a full 1994 schedule. Before there was Camden Yards and before there was Jacobs Field and before there was the Skydome, the Cardinals were a top-drawing team, attracting more than 3 million fans in 1987 and 1989.

Under the Anheuser-Busch ownership, which ultimately allowed the payroll and the attendance to drop, the Cardinals had lost their way to first place.

HEIR new players, of course, do not give the Orioles and the Cardinals guarantees of finishing first in their respective divisions. The Boston Red Sox, who won the American League East championship and finished 15 games ahead of the Orioles, have re-signed Jose Canseco and, in freeagent manervers, have swapped catchers, Mike Macfarlane for Mike Stanley, and starting pitchers, Erik Hanson for Tom Gordon. But they also have let Rick type owner." Aguilera, their closing pitcher, leave and must replace him.

games ahead of Baltimore, have re- that he didn't intend to be involved in the signed David Cone and Wade Boggs and day-to-day operation of the team.

engaged in swaps of their own — Don Martingly for Tino Martinez, Stanley for Joe Girardi, Dwight Gooden for Jack McDowell and Sterling Hitchcock, and Randy Velarde for Mariano Duncan.

On paper, both the Red Sox and the Yankees appear to have lost more than they have gained, meaning they will be harder pressed to hold off the Orioles. But the 1996 season doesn't begin until March 31, leaving much time to make additional moves.

The Cardinals ended last season an even greater distance from first place in the National League Central, 221/2 games behind the Reds in fourth place. But the Reds have lost Gant; Houston has made its major expenditure to retain Craig Biggio, and the Chicago Cubs don't appear even to be running in place.

Moreover, the Cardinals aren't fin-

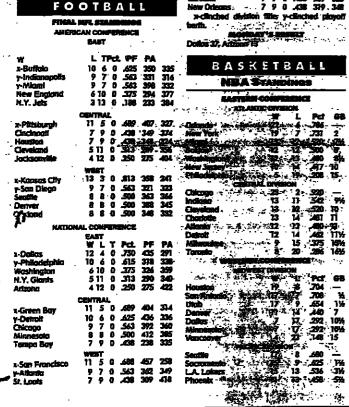
ished making moves. The signing of Gant gives them an extra starting outfielder, which means they have a good one -Bernard Gilkey, Ray Lankford or Brian Jordan - to trade for a second baseman. They tried hard to lure Biggio away from the Astros but failed, leaving them looking for what the new owners view as a

"The Cardinals have never won a pennant without a good second baseman. said another member of the new owners group, Andrew Baur, a bank chairman. You go from Homsby to Frisch to Red Schoendienst to Julian Javier to Tommy Herr. I think the key to this team would be to get a good second baseman."
There could be one other key: The new

owners will have to let Jocketty do his job. They, of course, wouldn't think otherwise. "We don't want to interfere with the operation," Baur said. "There's nothing worse than a George Steinbrenner-

Steinbrenner, it should be recalled, said on that fateful day nearly 23 years The Yankees, who finished eight ago when his group bought the Yankees

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TRANSITIONS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE—Agreed to terms with Roberto
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CALIFORNIA—Declined to offer 1996 contracts Shown Boskle, Mile Harkey and Rich Mon-eone, pitchers. CHICAGO Declined to offer 1996 contracts to

MINISSOTA—Declined in offer 1996 confracts to Michael Misurace, pitches; Padro Munaz, autifielder; and Tam Quintom. 1st baseman. Invited Erik Bennett. Mise Trambley, Mark Redrast and Travis Miller, pitchers; Rene Lopez, Damion Miller and Jose Valentila, catches; Ray Glanslik, Chip Hobe and Todd Walter, infleiders; and Dan Masteller, 1st baseman, to spring training. Agreed to terms with Dave Hollins, 3d baseman, on 1-year contract.

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NEW YORK—Agreed to terms with David Cane.

pilcher, on 3-year contract and Pal Kelly, infielder, an 3-year contract.

SEATTLE—Named Dave Brundage manager.

Juan Etchelberger pitching coach: Delvyn

Young coach: and Rob Nodine trainer for the

Legeopter. Helburger.

TEXAS--Declined-to offer 1996 contracts to TEXAS—Declined-to drie 1996 commons to Esteban Beitre, Jeff Fyre and Craig Worthington, infielders; Dennis Cook, pitcher; and Lou Fruzier, auffielder, Agreed to terms with Cook. Fruzier and Worthington on 1-year contracts. Agreed to terms with Ken Hill, pitcher, an 2-year contract and Altie Hangemen, either on 1.

year contract. Agreed to terms with Bobby Witt, pitcher, on 1-year contract.

Tokontro—Agreed to terms with Erik Hosson, pitcher, on 3-year contract. Named Rick Peterson roving minor-league pitcher instructor and Rick Langford pitching coach for Knowlile, st

HOUSTON—Declined to offer 1996 contracts to Darryl Kile, pitcher, and Craig Shipley, shortstop.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Declined to offer a 1996 con-tract to Delon Sanders, autiliader.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION NBA—Suspended Golden State Warriors forward Chris Gatiling and Denver Huggets forward Don MacLean one game each for fighting in a game Dec. 20. Fined Gatiling \$5,000 and MacLean \$3,500 for the incident.

BOSTON—Moved Thomas Hamilton, center, from injured fist to suspended list.

CHARLOTTE—Put Khalld Reeves, guard, on injured list, Signed Corey Beck, guard.

ward, from injured list. Put Dell Demps, guard

NATIONAL POOTBALL LEAGUE NFL—Fined Miami Inebacker Bryon Cox \$17,500, and Buffalo fullback Conveil Gardner

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receiver, from practice squad.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

WHI—Suspended Washington forward Craig

Berube for 10 games for leaving the bench to

fight with N.Y. Rangers forward Nick Kypreas in



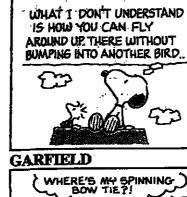
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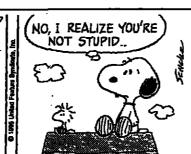
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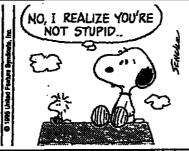


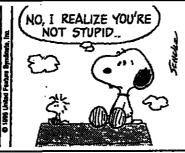


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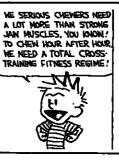






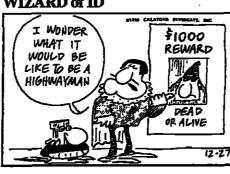








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THE FAR SIDE



"According to the map, this should be the place-but it sure don't look right to me. ... Well,

BLONDIE





DOCUMENTARIES

The Yugoslav Enigma

By Walter Goodman New York Times Service

NEW YORK — For most ident, attained power.

The reawakened nationalism spread fast, exciting feverish 1980s and early 1990s were faroff rumblings, if that. Coverage remained sparse, and the unand the players had too many

Not until television carried the pictures of destruction did allied itself with Slovenia in the war become real, with the seeking more autonomy from tube's pundits scrambling for explanations, going back to World War II or World War I or medieval times for some understanding of the viciousness

Even today, as American troops move into Bosnia, the in on secret meetings, and the events leading directly to the camera captures the high emoworst European war in half a century remain confusing, is a dramatically detailed look which is the reason for "Yu- at Balkan politics at its most goslavia: the Death of a Na- conspiratorial as well as a tion," which is being aired this demonstration of conscientious week in the United States on the documentary making. Discovery Channel.

ray of interviews with officials and politicians on all sides of a many-sided conflict and on often startling video coverage not seen before in the United States, the cogent five-hour BBC documentary sorts out the personalities, the maneuverings and the emotions that swept an unhappy land to its current, still ingerous condition. The series has some of the ingredients of an Eric Ambler thriller.

The opening hour begins in 1987, when Slobodan Milosevic, a Belgrade official, was sent to calm tensions in Kosovo, a mostly Albanian province with a restive Serb minority.

Serb, quickly embraced the them while they are there and Serbian cause, joining demands the passions and ambitions they for an "ethnically pure" Koso- will leave behind whenever vo. It was as a champion of they depart.

Serbian nationalism -- "Serbia has arisen!" was the cry — that Milosevic, now Serbia's pres-

passions throughout the country. Support for the ethnic Albanians from the small republic familiar names of the places of Slovenia brought a strong reaction from Serbia.

Croatia, hated by Serbs for its fascist record in World War IL. Belgrade. The country that Marshal Tito had beld together was coming apart.

The political machinations are laid out by those who were tions at mass rallies. The result

The series moves on to the war between Serbia and Croatia, with its flash point in the Relying on a remarkable arto tens of thousands of Serbs. Milosevic and Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman, give their perspectives, each allotting blame to the other.

At a critical meeting of the Yugoslav State Council -held, astoundingly, in the eye of the camera — the key vote on whether to suspend the constitution and send troops to put down Croatia rested with the Bosnian representative. His refusal to go along with the Serbs held portents for the future.

The series may be received as an argument for sending international forces into Bosnia. but it also constitutes a warning By this account, Milosevic, a of the tensions that threaten Hollywood and the Rehabilitation of Terry Gilliam

By Jill Gerston New York Times Service

BALTIMORE — Terry Gilliam, the irre-pressible, iconoclastic director who prefers reading Dante to a Joe Eszterhas script and would rather be audited than do brunch in Bel Air, is back in action.

Four years since making his last film, the critically acclaimed "Fisher King," he has directed "12 Monkeys," a futuristic virus thriller starring Bruce Willis, Brad Pitt and Madeleine Stowe. The \$29 million movie was made for Universal Pictures, the same studio he feuded with in 1985 over the delayed release of "Brazil," his nightmarish Orwellian satire. Gilliam, who revels in his reputation as an anti-Hollywood maverick, was delighted by the irony of working for his old nemesis: "I keep saying, 'What do you have to do to burn bridges in Hollywood?' I can't seem to do it."

The new film is about a prisoner in 2035 who is sent back in time to 1996 in a risky experiment to discover the source of a plague that has wiped out most of the world's population. Written by David Peoples ("Unforgiven") and his wife, Janet, it was inspired by the 1962 French short "La Jetée" by Chris Marker.

The director, who is known for his grandiose visual style ("The Adventures of Baron Munch-hausen," "Brazil"), wasn't deterred by a mod-est budget that prohibited lavish sets and special effects. In fact, the soaring, eerily fanciful set that was erected last spring in a vacant power plant outside Baltimore, was spectacular. "You have to be more inventive when you

don't have money," Gilliam said. On the set toward the end of filming, the director schmoozed with crew members and a bald, bruised Willis, who was clad in a straitjacket and strapped into a mechanical chair suspended off the ground.

Yet when everyone broke for lunch, Gilliam seemed deflated. The director confessed that his cheery confidence on the set was only a ploy.

"It's my job to be Mr. Enthusiasm and fool everyone into believing it's all great fun, so they'll do better work," he grumbled. "I hate making movies.' Really's

"O.K., I love it, but it's a miserable ex-perience," he said. "It's frustrating. I get very irritated when it isn't clear to everybody else what we should be doing when it's clear to

Beneath his cowboy hat, Gilliam's moon face was haggard, there were dark pouches that I've never gotten a chance to do on screen. under his eyes, and his gray-streaked hair hung I had a ball."



Terry Gilliam, left, directing Brad Pitt and Bruce Willis in the movie "12 Monkeys."

limply about his shoulders. Still, his ricochet of words was punctuated by the well-known Gilliam giggle that gave the 55-year-old director the air of a mischievous little boy.

"Terry is the oldest living adolescent in the world," said Lynda Obst, a co-producer of

"The Fisher King."
Unlike some of his past films, in which the acting was overshadowed by visual pyrotechnics, "12 Monkeys" focuses on his stars' strong, offbeat performances. Willis plays the tormented time traveler; Pitt, a demented animal-rights advocate and Stowe, a psychiatrist and eventually comes to believe in him.

"Bruce's performance is very contained, very internalized; there's nothing flash about said Gilliam. "Brad is the mad comic relief of the film. And he doesn't look at all like the Brad Pitt of teenage girls' dreams. I always said I wanted Brad Pitt the actor and Bruce Willis the actor - not the superstars - in the film. And that's what I got."

"Terry is an actor's director who invites collaboration," Willis said. "I've done stuff

Shooting on location early this year at quirky sites in Philadelphia and Baltimore — a fortresslike 19th-century prison, a sand quarry, a Stanford White mansion - was fraught with problems. The weather was too mild for the snowy, blasted wasteland called for in the world of 2035.

There were technical glitches with the firturistic mechanical props. And though movie scenes are commonly filmed out of order, keeping track of past and future sequences was a nightmare, and some scenes had to be reshot. To unwind, Gilliam went horseback riding, only to who at first believes the time traveler is crazy be thrown from his horse and nearly trampled.

Despite setbacks, however, the director said he had managed to stay within his budget and was only a week behind his shooting schedule. Hollywood tagged Gilliam, a former member of Monty Python, an extravagant, unpredictable artiste in 1989 when the budget of his epic fantasy, "The Adventures of Baron Munch-hausen," ballooned from \$23 million to nearly \$40 million. The production unraveled into

dismissed. Reviews were mixed, and the film flopped at the box office. Before that brouhaha, there was the "Brazil"

such a tumultuous mess that he was nearly

imbroglio with Universal. The studio refused to release the film unless it was re-edited and given a happier ending, Gilliam refused, and Brazil" languished. Angry and frustrated, the director and aciously took an ad in Variety addressing the head of MCA, Universal's parent company: "Dear Sid Sheinberg. When are you going to release my film, "Brazil"?"

Only when the Los Angeles Film Critics Association voted the film best picture and Gilliam

best director did Universal release the movie. This time, Gilliam described his experience on "12 Monkeys" as "the easiest go with a studio I've ever had" and conceded, "Amaz-

ingly, I have nothing to complain about."

Casey Silver, chairman of MCA Motion Picture Group and president of Universal Pictures,

was similarly sanguine.
"Brazil' predated my arrival at Universal, although obviously I was aware of that history," he said. "But we worked out an agreement so there wouldn't be a repeat of the Brazil episode. And I have to say that as a partner of the studio, Terry was a stand-up guy. I'd work with him again.'

According to the director, he had final cut, the last say over what the edited version of the film would look like. "That was part of the terms of engagement," he said, giggling. After shooting, he spent six months editing the film.

The rehabilitation of Terry Gilliam began with "The Eisher King." A profitable main

with "The Fisher King." A profitable, main-stream movie that earned five Academy Award nominations goes a long way toward redeeming

"The problem with 'The Fisher King' was that it was successful," Gilliam said. "It made me a commodity in Hollywood, even though I'd

spent years avoiding the place.
"So I figured, O.K., now I can get all these

interesting projects made. I had won the right to get their money. Instead, I got caught in development hell for four years." So, what made Gilliam decide to direct "12

Monkeys''?

"The fact that no one let me make anything I wanted to do," he replied flatly. "Actually, what intrigued me was that it's not a mainstream film even though it's peopled with mainstream stars. It's a much odder, artistic film than normally gets through the system.

Gilliam is "one hit away from becoming phenomenally hot,'' Obst said.

"Terry wants success for his freedom, not his ego," she said. "He's a personal filmmaker, and there aren't many scripts that appeal to him. You don't go to Terry to do 'The Firm' or

POSTCARD

Spirituality on the Road: The Gideons Are Not Alone Balloonist Steve Fos-

By Edwin McDowell New York Times Service

NEW YORK — It used to be that hotel guests could count on finding at least three things in their rooms: a bed, a bathroom and a Gideon Bible. These days the Bibles are even more numerous, but they no longer have the field to themselves.

In a growing number of hotels the Bible now keeps company with the Book of Mormon, the Teaching of Buddha and, in rarer cases, with Science and Health by ary Baker Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, or The Way to Happiness, a publication of the Church of Scientology.

The Gideons — evangelical business and professional men from various Christian Bibles in hotel rooms for almost a century

— appear to have lost no missionary ardor.

Texas and Washington.

Meanwhile, the 150,000-strong Gideons

man. "But when they arrive they just shower and hurry down to gamble."

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North America

But many of the 160,000 hotel rooms in the International — founded by three traveling on an epic solo journey to be-

of Buddhism, based in Tokyo.

i, the book is also th all 383 fooms of the Ritz-Carlton in Pasadena, California, the 781 rooms of the California Hotel and Casino in downtown Las Vegas, the 1,206 rooms of the Fontainebleau Hilton in Mi- dha in every room. "Maybe gues

WEATHER

Marrion chain - whose founder, J.W. Mar- salesmen in 1899 - has given away about marriott chain — whose foliable, J. W. Marriott, was a Mormon — carry the Book of Mormon as well as the Bible. So does the Mormon-owned 95-room Inn at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, whose small library also carries the Talmud and Koran.

Salesmen in 1899 — has given away about 700 million copies of the King James or Modern English versions of the Bible. Based in Nashville, Tempessee, the Gideons say their Bibles have reached 170 countries in 76 languages. Occasional atary also carries the Talmud and Koran. countries in 76 languages. Occasional attempts to bar Bibles from hotel rooms, on also carry the Teaching of Buddha, com- grounds that they are offensive to some ments of the Society for the Promotion guests, have not gotten very far — because, Buddhism, based in Tokyo. guests, have not gotten very far — because, hoteliers say, hotels are private businesses, While most hotels that carry the Teaching of Buddha cater heavily to Asian are equally free to read them or not.

RACE SOLO permost in the mind of most guests at the for a voyage that should take 16 California Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, which has Bibles and the Teaching of Buddenominations who have been putting ami and in hotels in New York, Colorado, tually read the books,'' said a notel spokesman. "But when they arrive they just want to

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PEOPLE

ties dealer, hopes to set out soon from Rapid City, South Dakota, come the first person to cir-cumnavigate the globe by balloon, "We are waiting for the appropriate weather window to launch," said Timothy Kemper, assistant vice-president at Chicago's Loyola University and project manager for Fossett, who this year became the first person to cross the Pacific Ocean alone in a balloon. Kemper said Fossett could launch by the end of the year or s to 21 days.

Ray Mercer, a former heavyweight boxing champion and winner of a gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul,

has been charged with assaulting his girlfriend. Mercer, 34, was jailed on a misdemeanor charge of hitting Kim Melvin. 25. in the head after police were called to the home they share. She was treated by emergency workers. Mercer was ordered to stay in jail for 48 hours, pending a bond hearing.

Don't ask where disgraced Olympic skater Tonya Harding is honeymooning. ''Do you think I'm stupid," the skater responded when asked where she and Michael Smith, a 29year-old machinist who is marrying for the fourth time, would spend their holiday after marriage aboard a yacht last weekend on a river in Portland, Oregon, "I'm very happy, and I hope to keep it that way," Harding said.

He's called the Artist Formerly Known as Prince, but he appears also to want to be called the Man Who Formerly the year-end edition of "TV" Trash," and "Hear" are be-him that the program was un-Recorded Under the Warner Guide." Hewitt added, "I ing shown in a month-long fes-derfunded this year and Drey-Brothers Label. The pop star don't have any openings, tival at New York's Film Fo- fuss shipped six boxes of toys.

cited "irreconcilable differences" with the company. "The unstable and ever-chang-Warner] has made it impossible for the company to effectively market and promote its flagship artists," he said.

An Iraqi, two Egyptians, a Jordanian and a Kuwaiti have been named winners of the Arab world's largest prize for writers and intellectuals. Awards of \$100,000 each were given to the Iraqi poet Abdelauthor Edward al-Kharrat. the Jordanian literary critic Nasser Eddin al-Assad, the Egyptian social scientist Awa-tef Abderrahman and the Abderrahman and the Kuwaiti social scientist Mohammed Ghanem al-Ramihi. The prize, named after the Gulf businessman Sultan ibn Ali Al-Owais, is awarded every two years to innovative thinkers in the Arab cultural world.

Sophia Loren was right at home playing for laughs in "Grumpier Old Men." The actress tells McCall's that she "likes to laugh and make peo-ple laugh." Loren, 61, plays a restaurateur who sets up shop in small Midwestern town, while Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon get miffed be-cause her establishment will replace two of their favorite hangouts. "I think there is too much technology in today's films —

take a job on CBS's "60 Minutes" two years ago, producer Don Hewitt says. "It came down to the wire with Peter Hewitt said in Jennines.



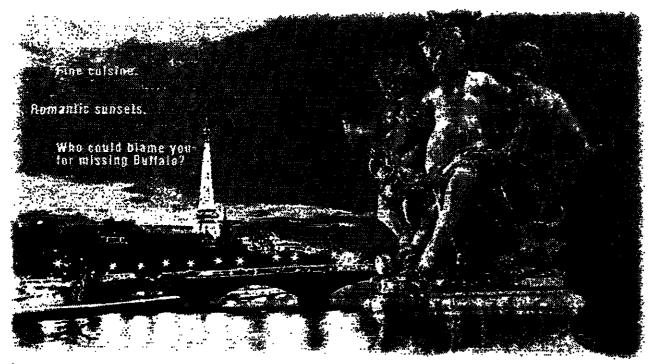
OUTING IN THE OUTBACK - British Labor Party leader Tony Blair and wife Cherie on a visit to Australia.

When Freddy Fender, the country and western star, returned home from Christmas tuned into a show on MTV the Eve church services, he found other day that was all about too many tricks, too many firefighters mopping up a fire young people discussing their weapons." he said. "It was so smoke. A policeman in the sordid Really nasty." singer's neighborhood in Cor-Peter Jennings nearly aban-doned his ABC anchor spot to smoke and alerted firefighters. who saved the house.

> Paul Morrissey, whose films such as "Plesh," fuss as a personal assistant, teld "Trash," and "Heat" are be- him that the program was uri-

> but I'd make room for him." rum, long portrayed the exotic underworld popularized by Andy Warhol. But today's generation seems a bit too bizarre even for Morrissey.

> > Richard Dreyfuss came to the rescue of a program for lo-cal needy children run by Sandy Berg of Driggs, Idaho. Her sister, who works for Drey-



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